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781 feared dead in ferry disaster

Experts gave warning that bow door seals were faulty

FROM NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM

FAULTY seals aboard the *Estonia* ferry may have cost the lives of 781 passengers and crew in the Baltic Sea yesterday.

As the number of confirmed survivors reached 141 and international rescuers continued their search to find more, Swedish maritime officials disclosed that inspectors in the Estonian port of Tallinn found the seals unsatisfactory shortly before the ferry set sail on Tuesday night for Stockholm, the Swedish capital.

Anders Lindström, chairman of the Swedish seamen's union, said the Swedish inspectors were training their Estonian counterparts at the time, and had no authority to stop the ship.

One crew member, Henrik Sillaste, who was on the car deck shortly before the ferry started listing, said water came in through the front car doors, the inner door of which, he claimed, was not properly closed.

"On the TV monitor in the machine room we could see water rushing in on the car deck," he said. "I think the rough seas somehow broke the entrance to the car deck open."

Estonian police said that if human error was to blame, those responsible could be charged under the Estonian criminal code with "violations of sea traffic safety rules" and face up to ten years in prison.

The ferry sank in minutes in Finnish waters about 20 miles south of the island of Utö. Most of the 964 people aboard were asleep in their bunks and had no chance of reaching the upper decks in time to escape.

There was panic when an announcement was made on loudspeakers to abandon ship. Elderly passengers, in particular, were unable to climb the steep gradients of the listing ship, and those who did reach the upper decks had no time to find lifeboats.

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Henrik Sillaste

Within an hour of a Mayday broadcast at 1.24am Finnish time, helicopters were on the scene, but were hampered by waves up to 18ft high and 80mph winds.

Passenger ferries, cargo boats and air crews from Denmark, Finland and Sweden joined the rescue effort, picking up 141 survivors and 42 bodies. Last night, 781 people were still unaccounted for and hope was fading that more would be found alive.

"In the last few hours we have found only dead bodies, about three or four per hour," said Raimo Tiilikainen of the Finnish coastal command, leader of the rescue operation.

The survivors were taken to hospitals in Finland, Sweden, and the Baltic island of Aland. Some had body temperatures as low as 26°C (79°F) after spending hours in the icy seas before being winched to safety.

Vilbo Itaranta, a Swedish survivor, spent six hours on a life raft but two of his companions, including a woman who tried to haul him on board, perished.

He told reporters that he ran to the upper deck of the ship when the table and luggage in his cabin toppled. He tried to board a life raft but the stormy sea beat him back.

"First a woman held my hand but she did not have the strength to pull me up, because two other men were clinging to me. Finally a man managed to pull me up. One man died soon and the girl who had tried to pull me from the water died one hour before the helicopter got us up. I was saved only because I happened to be awake in my cabin."

Most of the passengers aboard the *Estonian* were Swedish (552). There were also 163 Estonians, 29 Latvians, and a handful of Russians, Germans and Lithuanians on board. One Briton is known to have been on the ship and survived.



The 15,550-ton *Estonia*, which plied regularly between Tallinn and Stockholm, was only 14 years old. She was built in Germany, insured for £58 million — about half of it in the London market — and owned jointly by the Swedish company Nordström and Thulin and Estline, a company controlled by the Estonian state.

The ferry sailed under an Estonian flag with a mainly Estonian crew, and had the capacity to carry 2,000 passengers and 460 cars. She had been subject to rigorous safety checks and had undergone a complete dry dock check in Sweden last January.

Sweden and Estonia both declared national days of mourning yesterday, and flags flew at half-mast in Finland as the full scale of the disaster became clear.

Not since Swedes heard on an early-morning radio broadcast eight years ago that their prime minister, Olof Palme, had been assassinated, has the country been plunged into such shock.

"This is the biggest catastrophe to hit Sweden in modern times," said Prime Minister Carl Bildt, who immediately flew to Finland for an emergency meeting with the Finnish and Estonian premiers.

Because Sweden remained neutral throughout both world wars, the death of about 500 of its citizens is the ferry disaster is the worst single loss of life the country has known this century.

Last night the Queen sent her sympathy to the Estonian President, the Finnish President and the King of Sweden.

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A survivor is flown to hospital in Stockholm. He was one of 141 people rescued after the ferry Estonia sank

Briton tells how waves swept him from raft



Barney: phone call from hospital to his mother

BY EMMA WILKINS

A BRITISH survivor of the sinking told last night how he was thrown three times from his life raft by high waves, but managed to swim back and scramble aboard to safety.

Paul Barney, 35, from Pangbourne, Berkshire, spent three hours in the raft with the bodies of eight people before he was spotted by a rescuers aboard a helicopter and pulled from the Baltic. A landscape architect on holiday in Scandanavia, he is believed to be the only British survivor.

In a telephone call to his mother, Mr Barney, who is not married and was travelling alone, told of his ordeal yesterday from his bed at the Central Hospital, Mariehamn, in the Aland Islands, Finland, where he is recovering from hypothermia and shock.

After being thrown into the sea, he managed to scramble on to a life raft, but was thrown out three times in the three hours before the craft was spotted by a helicopter. Eight others on board were dead, but Mr Barney's mother, Jan Henry, of Pangbourne, said it was not clear whether they had died as they waited to be rescued.

"Paul phoned and asked if I had heard about the ferry and said he was on it. But I hadn't seen or heard anything about it at that time. He said he was taken by a helicopter off the raft, but the eight other people who were on it were dead.

"It's simply a miracle that he survived," she said. "It's just wonderful he is alive. He said the only reason he survived was because it was an incredibly clear, bright night and he managed to see his way to get to the life raft before everything went black."

Mrs Henry said: "He sounded quite drugged and sleepy, but in good spirits. He is suffering from hypothermia and shock. He just said 'thank God I wasn't in the bath or a cabin'. He didn't say where he was, but he wasn't below deck. That's what saved his life."

Mr Barney, who went to school at Pangbourne College, survived because he is a determined character, his mother said. "He was very determined, which would have helped him. He was always very focussed."

He is booked on a ferry to arrive at Harwich on Sunday, but told his mother he does not now want to return by boat. "He never wants to go on a ferry again," she said.

Mr Barney, who is 6ft 1in and 13 stone, is fit and a strong swimmer, according to one of his closest friends and business colleagues. "He was thrown into the water, but managed to catch hold of a life raft and scramble aboard," said Andrew Howard, 33, who has known Mr Barney since he was six. "He was afloat for three hours and washed out of the raft three times, but each time managed to swim back. The sea was incredibly rough, but he is a big bloke who keeps fit."

Mr Barney, who was due to return this week after a three-month trip to Scandanavia, is a sensitive but resilient character, Mr Howard said. "He's a very gentle sort of chap, more concerned with conservation and the good of the world than himself. It's bound to hit him hard that those eight other people did not survive."

Mr Howard, manager of the Childbeale Trust, a wildlife park in Pangbourne, said Mr Barney had taken a sabbatical to study water conservation after winning an Winston Churchill Memorial Trust environmental fellowship.

"He has been helping me design the park and decided to take a three month sabbatical from his business to study reed beds and water cleansing. He went all over the place — as far as the Arctic Circle," he said.

After Pangbourne College, Mr Barney went to Oxford Polytechnic and took a second degree in horticulture at Aberystwyth University. His brother Aleric, who also lives in Berkshire, is on holiday in Thailand and the family was trying to contact him last night. His sister, Delphine, who is married, is also believed to be abroad.

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All sides 'win' as deal signals end to strikes

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

SIGNALWORKERS are expected to vote in a telephone poll today in favour of a pay and productivity deal which allowed Railtrack and the RMT union to claim victory.

A strike planned for 48 hours from midnight was suspended when the two sides announced agreement early yesterday, though union leaders warned last night that a planned 24-hour stoppage tomorrow on London Underground would go ahead.

Brian Mawhinney, Transport Secretary, welcomed the agreement but insisted there was "not one penny" in the deal for past productivity which formed the basis of the union's 11 per cent claim. Railtrack said that of savings of £3.6 million, signalworkers would get £2.9 million — or 3.4 per cent on average earnings — in productivity payments, a lump sum payment averaging £480 for moving to cashless pay, and an annual pay rise of 2.5 per cent.

The RMT general secretary, Jimmy Knapp, described the deal as excellent and a "victory" for the steadfastness of his members. He said the deal was worth £8.7 million, or 10.1 per cent on the payhill, compared to a package worth £4.3 million which had been offered in July.

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Pensions for part-timers

Millions of part time workers, mostly women, will have the right to join their employer's pension scheme on the same terms as their full time colleagues, after a ruling in the European Court of Justice yesterday. They might be able to claim benefits backdated to 1976, but will have to make up expensive contributions arrears ..... Page 25

007 producer dies

Harry Saltzman, the Canadian-born co-producer of the first nine James Bond films, as well as *Falstaff* with Orson Welles, and *The Battle of Britain*, has died in Paris, where he had lived for years. He was 78.

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Operations at risk as blood crisis deepens

BY NICK NUTTALL

THE supply of blood has reached a critically low level, with hospitals poised to suspend non-emergency operations unless more donors can be found quickly.

Only about 24 hours' supply is in stock, with levels at their lowest in the history of the transfusion service. The service said yesterday: "We have 11,000 units [and] a daily demand of 16,000. Over the next few days we will have to start advising hospitals not to perform non-emergency operations." A unit is about three-quarters of a pint.

At the Hammersmith Hospital in west London some emergency operations, including liver surgery, have been cancelled on two days this week because of the shortage. The situation is blamed on several factors, including the rail strike and a shortage of donors. The service yesterday saw 7,700 donors come forward; it needs a daily minimum of 9,000.

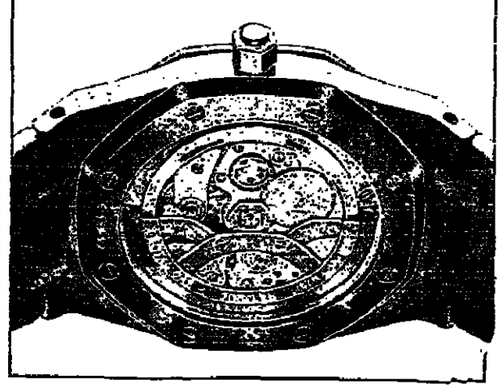
The service supplies blood to private as well as health service hospitals. It said yesterday that at a time of shortage priority was given to health service hospitals.

It denied that the shortage had been caused by its recently announced strategy to increase efficiency and save £40 million a year. A third of the country's transfusion centres are top be closed.

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Estonia foundered as passengers slept


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Relatives waiting for news at the ferry terminal in Tallinn. Only 141 passengers and crew of the *Estonia* are known to have survived Tuesday night's sinking and more than 820 are feared dead

FROM NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM

MOST passengers were asleep in their bunks when the ferry *Estonia* listed and sank within 15 minutes in a dark, storm-whipped Baltic Sea. "It was all so quick," a 24-year-old Swede said. "I had to rush up to the deck and throw myself into the sea the very second the boat sank."

Few had had time to prepare themselves as those aware of what was going on fought to make it to lifeboats, although most had little chance. "Many of the passengers were certainly in their cabins asleep and as the boat sunk very quickly, it must have been very difficult for many to get out," Raimo Tiilikainen, a Finnish navy commander, said.

The *Estonia* had set sail

THE SURVIVORS

from Tallinn, the Estonian capital, at 7pm on Tuesday, its passengers a mixture of businesspeople, tourists, and lorry drivers who have taken advantage of the independence of the Baltic states to visit the area. Others used Tallinn as an entry port for travel to Russia and in recent years ferry traffic has been booming.

When the *Estonia* left dock there were near-gale-strength winds. The ferry had also received a faxed weather forecast from the Swedish meteorological service, the SMHI, giving a warning of an impending storm with waves 16-19ft high. "It was a storm but not so tough," Svante Andersson, head of SMHI's marine service, said.

About 90 minutes later the band stopped playing because the ship was swaying heavily. Many passengers retired, some to cabins nine decks below the bridge. The storm did unsettle some passengers but many remained in their cabins. Anders Eriksson was woken by the rumbling of the sea. Later he telephoned his wife, Karin, in Sweden and told her how he escaped.

Mrs Eriksson said: "Since it was such a heavy wind he became a little worried and got up. He got dressed and ran into the corridor. Then a soft drinks vending machine came falling towards him and he knew something was wrong."

Mr Eriksson ran to the deck and felt the ferry list, so he put on a lifejacket and got into a lifeboat. When the boat hit the water it turned over and he had to swim until he found another lifeboat, where he waited with three others until dawn.

Neeme Kaik said: "I woke up as the ship was heavily tilted. I got dressed as fast as I could, and ran out of my cabin to the deck to see what was going on. There was no message on the loudspeaker. I saw people rushing up the stairs to the upper decks. When I reached there, people were grabbing lifejackets.

"There was no activity among the crew and I did not hear any messages. I grabbed a lifejacket and then the boat fell on its left side completely, with the chimney hitting the water. I managed to jump into a rubber boat with three other people," he said.

Vilho Itaranta, a Swedish citizen of Finnish origin, told Finnish television news that he saw the table and luggage in his cabin topple. He cried to his friends, "Quickly out," and ran to the deck. The ship was listing so badly that he had to climb to the other side. "I do not know what happened to my friends," he said.

"It was very difficult to climb to the raft because it was so high. First a woman held my hand but she did not have the strength to pull me up because two other men were clinging to me. Finally a man managed to pull me up. I do not know what happened to the others. There was half a metre of water in the raft. We got the roof up but it was partly torn.

"I think we were six on the raft. One man died soon and the girl who had tried to pull me from the water died one hour before the helicopter got us up after six hours," he said.

Markus Karmet, an *Estonia* crew member, said the ship sank half an hour after it started to list. Some people rushed to the deck and jumped into the sea. It was impossible to lower the lifeboats and the luckiest passengers managed to climb to the automatically inflated rubber rafts.

Rescue helicopters had responded to the mayday put out at 1.24am Finnish time. Helicopter crews from Finland, Sweden and Denmark were joined by passenger and cargo vessels.

Stefan Carneros, a Swedish helicopter pilot, said: "When we arrived it was stark black, six-metre-high waves and rain. We saw 40 lifeboats but most of them turned out to be empty." Each boat was investigated and eventually his crew found a boat containing survivors.

Niklas Granrot, a crewman on the ferry *Mariella*, said: "It's so dark out there, all we can see are a few lights from lifeboats and emergency flares."

Juha Niinikoski, chief surgeon at Turku University Hospital, said two survivors were suffering from hypothermia, with body temperatures as low as 27C. Others had fractures and other injuries.

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Shocked town hears how pensioners struggled to escape

MANY of the victims of the *Estonia* sinking were taking advantage of cheap group bookings for shopping trips to the newly opened countries on the other side of the Baltic sea (Nicholas George writes).

Among the passengers were 56 pensioners from Norrköping, an the industrial city south of Stockholm. Yesterday, its town hall became a crisis centre where relatives and friends arrived throughout the day to check lists of survivors against the names of the elderly who were aboard.

They know they have little chance of finding many of their friends alive as survivors told of how the elderly struggled to escape, unable to climb the sharp gradient of the listing ferry. Bewildered in their loss, groups of elderly friends consoled each other with coffee and hugs, while the city fathers planned how to deal with the tragedy.

The Baltic ferries were also used as floating conference centres, and on board the *Estonia* yesterday were 70 police administrators from Stockholm. So far only two are reported to have survived. As more details

NORRKOPING

emerge of the bookings, it is becoming clear that many smaller groups such as council workers, business people and schoolchildren were also on the ferry.

Estonia has become a tourist mecca since the break-up of the Soviet Union by offering cheap goods to visitors from wealthy neighbouring countries. Tallinn is geographically the closest foreign capital to Stockholm, some 200 miles across the Baltic Sea.

The Swedes, taking advantage of a favourable exchange rate, regularly take day trips to Tallinn to buy food, alcohol, cigarettes, clothes and leather goods at competitive prices.

Swedish newspapers are full of advertisements from tour-operators offering cut-price tours to the Baltic republic. A total 168,000 passengers have taken the *Estonia*, which could carry up to 2,000 passengers and 460 vehicles, since the beginning of the year.

In Tallinn, all theatres, cinemas, cafes, restaurants, bars and other entertainment establishments closed their doors yesterday for day of mourning.



Relatives of missing passengers console each other as they wait at the ferry terminal in Stockholm for news

Nation declares day of mourning

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Meri of Estonia declared a day of national mourning yesterday as people rushed to the passenger port at Tallinn, some crying as they tried to find information about their relatives and friends.

One woman stood near the docks clutching a teddy bear. "My husband and son were on their way to Sweden," she said. "My son left his teddy bear behind."

Another woman said she had received a telephone call from her husband, a security officer, who had been on board the ferry. "I've been on the phone all morning talking to my friends and relatives," Lyudmila Roden, wife of crewman Ervin Roden, said. "I'm so happy to tell them he's alive."

In a national radio address, Lennart Meri said he had ordered that flags be flown at half-mast and had created a government commission to investigate the disaster. It will be headed by Andi Meister, the Transport Minister.

"On this difficult day, all of our thoughts and deeds must support those in whose houses there is mourning," Mr Meri said. Mart Laar, the Estonian Prime Minister, speaking on national television, thanked Finnish rescue crews for their work.

"I think this is the best they could do under the circumstances," he said. "Many thanks to everyone who has helped. This is the worst shipping accident on the Baltic Sea in times of peace."

Estonia sent a rescue helicopter to the scene and offered other emergency assistance to

TALLINN

Finland. Carl Bildt, the Swedish Prime Minister, who joined his Estonian and Finnish counterparts for a meeting at the rescue centre, said the accident investigation would technically be led by Estonia, in accordance with the ship's flag. Swedish and Finnish experts would take part, however, and it would be a joint effort "in practice", Mr Bildt said.

Esko Aho, Finland's Prime Minister, said his country had offered to locate the wreck of the *Estonia*.

Anxious families gather for news

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ELMAR Oun had a feeling that something terrible would happen when he listened to the late evening news. "I could see it was blowing very hard and I heard on the weather forecast that it would be stormy weather in the Baltic Sea," he said.

He waited with other relatives, hoping that his son Mikael would be one of the lucky ones. Mr Oun, 64, was among some 200 relatives and friends who gathered in the Estline building in Stockholm for news.

He said his 34-year-old son was on a relief aid assignment in Estonia and the last news he had heard was that Mikael had boarded the ferry with his lorry in Tallinn on Tuesday evening.

"I had contact this morning with Estonia and the people from one of the local relief organisations told me they were at Tallinn harbour with my son."

Mikael Oun, married with three small children, went to Estonia last week to distribute clothes to children's homes and schools in five different cities. His Swedish trucking company sponsored the relief trip, his fourth to Estonia.

His father was one of hundreds of relatives of the 500 Swedes who were on the *Estonia* who gathered at the Stockholm ferry terminal, where they were met by a "crisis group" of social workers, priests and psychologists. Some relatives ran about frantically, while others sobbed quietly on friends' shoulders. "Many are crying. It's an incredible loss," said one of the crisis group.

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Paolo Thimo said his wife was on board the ferry as a tourist. "She had a cabin furthest down on the ship so I don't think she had any chance of surviving," he said.

A man in his 30s, clinging to an older woman's arm, said only: "My wife works on board", while a couple in their 60s, whose son had worked on the ferry for a year, walked around hand-in-hand, looking devastated.

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Faulty door blamed for ferry sinking

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

THE sinking of the *Estonia* was probably caused by a faulty inner door which either collapsed or, as in the capsize of the *Herald of Free Enterprise* in 1987, was left open accidentally.

As investigators tried to piece together the final moments of the German-built roll-on, roll-off ferry, British maritime safety officials were convinced that only a sudden rush of seawater could possibly have accounted for the ferry's almost instant capsize and sinking.

Although it is possible that the ship may have been hit by a freak wave which dislodged cars and lorries and sent them crashing to one side, such a theory was being given no credence by other ferry operators last night. Instead they were studying reports by survivors that the inner doors were leaking and by maritime inspectors who reported problems with the door seals during an inspection two days earlier.

Roll-on, roll-off ferries have two sets of doors. The outer ones, which are raised or pulled back to allow cars and lorries to drive on to the storage deck, are not built to withstand the worst sea conditions. It is not unusual for them to leak, but this does not pose any real threat to the stability of the ship.

A few feet behind them is the main barrier against the sea: a thick steel door held in place by hydraulic rams. Often this door is lowered to become the ramp over which vehicles can drive before it is raised and locked in place before sailing. If this is left open, if the hydraulic rams fail, or if weakened seals suddenly collapse, seawater would pour into the ship, especially during a storm which may already have damaged the outer doors.

Since the capsize of the *Herald of Free Enterprise*, British ferries have been fitted with a range of devices to ensure that the doors are firmly shut, that the seals are intact and that the doors cannot be left open. The ferries have a series of warning lights and video cameras, and crews must follow strict checklists before putting to sea.

By 1989 all ferries using British waters, of whatever nationality, had installed the devices as the Government took ever more strict action to prevent a repeat of the disaster. Much of the rest of the world did not follow suit, however, and many ferries continued to sail with the same fatal weakness which led to the *Herald* capsize.

A series of international governmental meetings were held to set new standards, known as Solas 90, which, it was hoped, would be applied worldwide. Using a complex mathematical and engineering formula, all ferries were required to meet certain minimum survivability standards.

The rules were, however, confined to ensure that ferries stayed afloat for a minimum of 45 minutes after a collision. This was considered the worst that could happen and, if a boat stayed upright for 45 minutes, it would give time for the passengers to be evacuated.

Six British ferries, four owned by P&O and two by Sealink, were considered too old or unstable to be worth bringing up to the new standards and were withdrawn from service. By June last year a detailed programme for improving the others had been drawn up by eleven European countries.

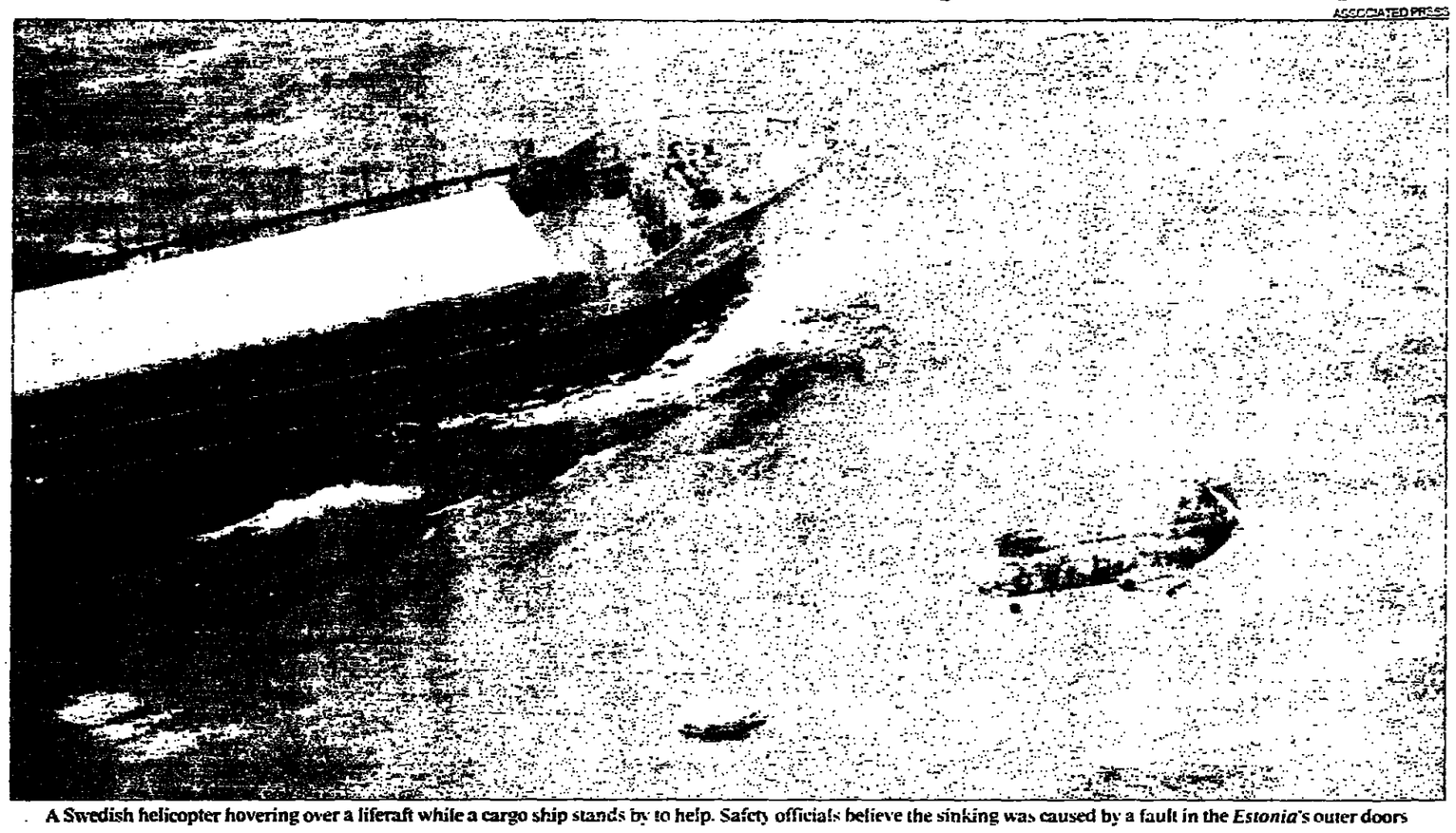
The British Government had tried to enforce the new standards internationally but had to admit defeat. "The agreement derives from work undertaken in the International Maritime Organisation's Maritime Safety Committee but which failed to secure the support needed for its worldwide application," the Transport Department said when the new regulations were announced.

Nonetheless the agreement was a significant step forward and meant that those ships which did not meet the new safety criteria had to be upgraded by the beginning of next month. Even those that satisfied 97 per cent of the standards laid down had to be improved by December 2004.

The *Estonia* was not covered by the new agreement, although Sweden was a signatory to it, because it operated in a part of the Baltic not included in the agreement.

The *Estonia*, with its bold blue and white colours, was the pride of its country as it sought more visible ties to the West. The ferry was built in Papenburg, Germany, in 1980 and was an extremely popular ship for travellers between Sweden and Estonia. It had room for 2,000 people and 460 cars. Bernhard Meyer, chief of the shipyard, said it was first known as *Viking Sally* and was built with the most modern technology.

Swedish news media said that the *Estonia* had been involved in a previous accident, when it ran aground outside Stockholm in 1988. There were no serious injuries.



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A Swedish helicopter hovering over a liferaft while a cargo ship stands by to help. Safety officials believe the sinking was caused by a fault in the *Estonia*'s outer doors

Operators insist ships safer since Zeebrugge

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

FERRY operators insisted last night that there had been great improvements in roll on, roll off safety since the *Herald of Free Enterprise* disaster, but a shipping expert said the ships were inherently unstable.

More than 60 ferries operate each day from British ports, and there are about 4,500 similar ferries in service around the world.

Dr David Hilling, a senior lecturer in maritime transport at London University, said the ferries were top-heavy because they entered shallow ports.

He said: "The design minimises on the ship's depth, the amount of the ship below the water line. The car decks are also above the water line because you have to drive onto them. This means the ferries are less stable, particularly in heavy seas."

Dr Hilling said that safety on all ferries would be greatly improved if they were fitted with bulkheads, mechanical walls which could be lowered through decks to create a series of watertight compartments. "If ferries were fitted with these you wouldn't get so much water accumulation nor would you get vehicle movement if lorries and cars had not been fastened properly and broke loose in a storm."

Peter Spooner, whose son Martin was among the 193 victims on the *Herald of Free Enterprise*, said: "It has stirred up grief and horrible memories, but also a lot of anger that we haven't learnt and fully applied the lessons of Zeebrugge."

However, P&O said: "This is nonsense. Enormous lessons have been learnt and acted on since the Herald. All ships operating out of the UK must, to have an operating licence, comply with all current national and international regulations."

These include design rules to ensure the stability of new ships in the event of damage and complex on-board procedures before setting sail. The law required that ferries had to demonstrate that they could be completely evacuated within 30 minutes, P&O said. Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, said the *Estonia* sinking was being monitored to see if lessons could be learnt. He said he was confident that British ferries operated to high safety standards.

Roger Kohn of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) said: "With ro-ros, the basic problem is that you have a huge open car deck with doors at each end. But people are well aware of this and it is taken into account in design and operation. You don't mess around with them. There have not been too many accidents because they are operated with such care."

The IMO, a United Nations agency, today calls for human error on ships to be reduced to cut accidents at sea. In a message for World Maritime Day, written before the Baltic disaster, the secretary-general William O'Neil said it was often claimed that up to 80 per cent of accidents at sea were caused by human error.

"We must ensure that, no matter where they live, seafarers from all over the world are trained to the same high standards," he said. Mistakes were usually made not because of faulty, deficient or inadequate regulations but because existing regulations and standards were ignored.

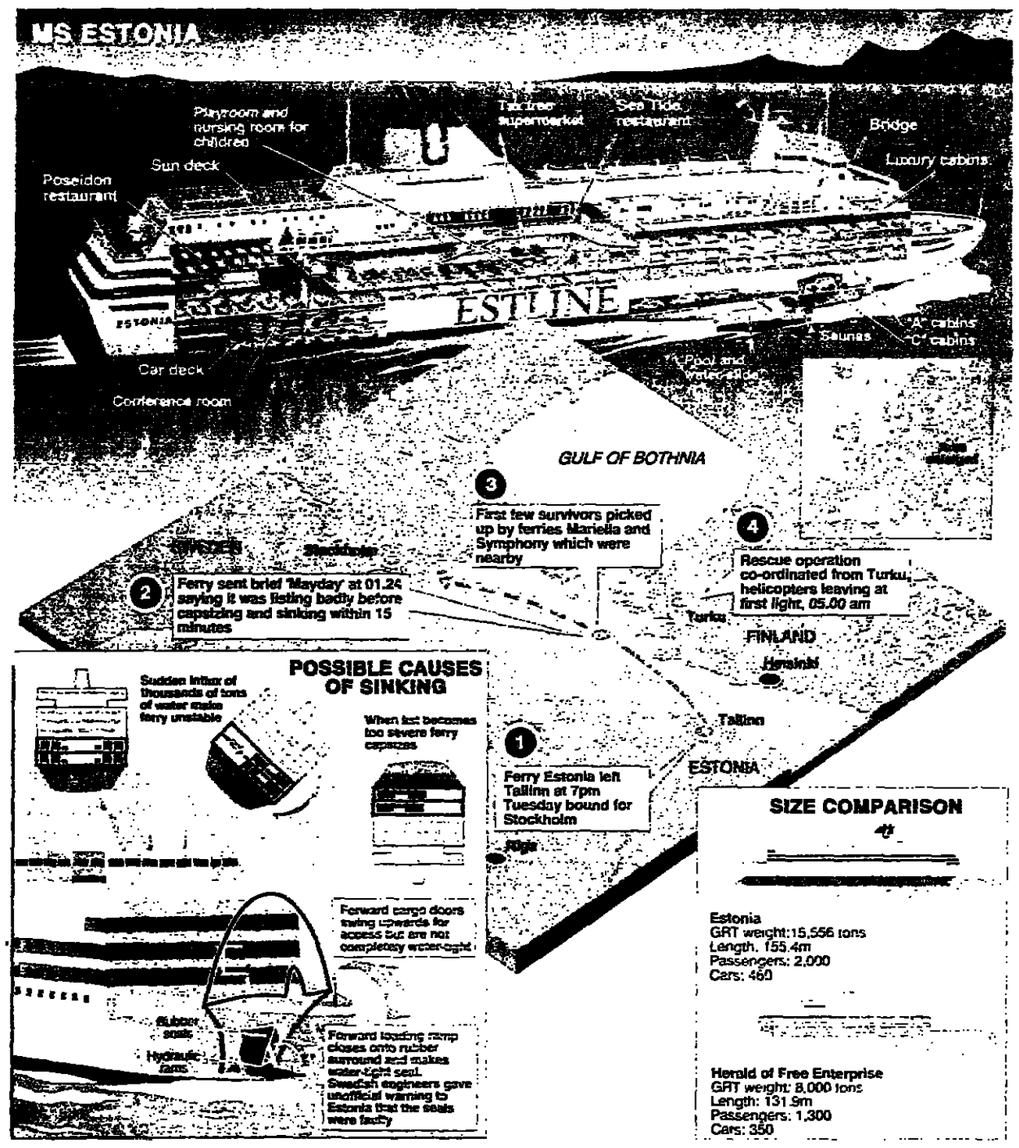
"We must now make sure that the same rules are applied to the human element. A first-class ship in the hands of a sub-standard crew is as great a threat as a rust-bucket," Mr O'Neil said.

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- **Titanic, 1912: 1,513 die when liner sinks after striking iceberg.**
- **Princess Alice, 1878: 640 die when collier slices in half Thames pleasure boat.**
- **Admiral Nakhimov, 1986: 425 die when Soviet liner collides with cargo ship in Black Sea.**
- **Herald of Free Enterprise, 1987: 193 die after ferry capsizes.**



Unusual dangers confront shipping

FROM OLLI KIVINEN IN HELSINKI

THE waters around the island fortress of Uto are known as the graveyard of ships. Some of the more recent wrecks are still visible on the rocks.

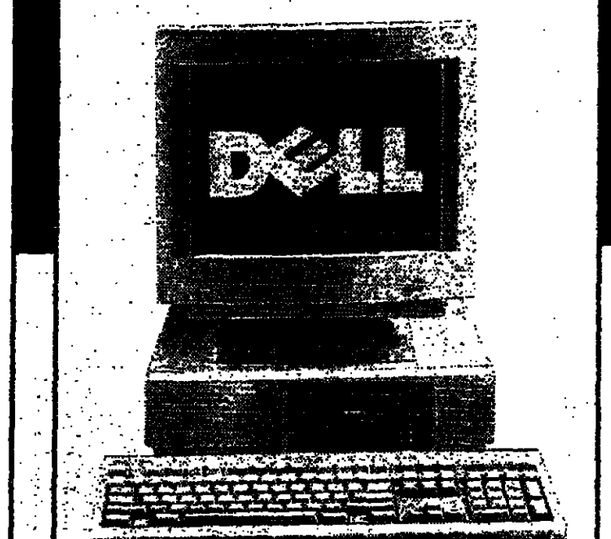
Uto is the southernmost island of Finland in the so-called Archipelago Sea, named after the extensive archipelago in southwestern Finland. The archipelago is popular among yachtsmen but rocks, storms, snow and very cold water present unusual dangers in the autumn and winter. The island is on the main sealane to Finland

THE BALTIC

and its waters are full of small hidden rocks. Sealanes leading to the mainland are difficult to navigate in winter. However, *Estonia* was in deep waters well south of the island.

Many of the rescued passengers were first taken to the island by helicopters that then returned to continue the search. There is a small artillery garrison on the island six hours by boat from the mainland. It is also an important radar and underwater listening post.

Uto was once a Viking route to the east and has one of Finland's oldest lighthouses. The Finnish Navy's biggest ship hit a mine near Uto in the Second World War with the loss of 270 men.



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Right address could save you from cancer

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SURVIVING cancer is a lottery in which patients with the right address may have a life-saving advantage, a new report shows.

Huge variations in the incidence of the disease, treatment and chances of recovery are disclosed in the district-by-district study of cancer rates in southeast England in 1991.

It shows that more than four out of five women with breast cancer survive five years in mid-Surrey compared with three out of five in east London.

For non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which attacks the lymph glands and is the fastest-growing cancer, three out of five patients die within five years in East Sussex compared with only one in five in neighbouring Worthing.

Wide variations in treatment are also revealed. The report shows that 40 per cent of cancer patients in mid-Kent receive chemotherapy compared with 20 per cent in Hillingdon, west London. More than 30 per cent receive radiotherapy in Camden and Islington, north London, compared with less than 20 per cent in Greenwich and Bexley, south London.

Dr Michael Coleman, director of the Thames Cancer Registry, which produced the report, said that health districts with the poorest showing should challenge local cancer specialists about the figures. "Purchasers need to be sure that the hospitals from which they buy care are doing a good job," he said.

"There are variations in survival according to where you live and substantial variations in treatment. This must raise questions about whether everyone is getting access to the best treatment."

Official concern about variation cancer treatment was expressed by the Chief Medical Officer, Dr Kenneth Calman, last May and he issued plans for improvement.





Howson with the painting described by Bowie, right, as "devastating"

Bowie buys rape scene by British war artist

THE rock musician David Bowie has bought a painting of a rape by *Peter Howson, Britain's official* Bosnian war artist, after it was rejected by the Imperial War Museum (Alexandra Frean writes).

Bowie, a collector of 20th-century art, said yesterday that he wanted to keep *Croatian and Muslim* in Britain. He would be prepared to lend it to the Imperial War Museum. "I thought it was probably the most evocative and devastating painting of the collection," Bowie said.

Mr Howson's exhibition prompted controversy last week when it emerged that the museum had decided not to keep *Croation and Muslim* for its permanent collection, but had instead chosen six works depicting ostensibly peaceful scenes.

Cash crisis hits newest private hospital

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE newest private hospital in Scotland, which has been built with millions of pounds of Government grants, is on the brink of financial collapse only three months after it was officially opened by the Scottish Secretary Ian Lang. The £180 million Health Care International Hospital at Clydebank in Glasgow admitted yesterday that it was close to breaching the covenants on its bank loans. Only intervention by the Scottish Office and the Bank of England two weeks ago stopped one of the hospital's banks from pulling the plug.

The hospital was set up to treat private patients from overseas, but it has been dogged by controversy since it opened in March. The number of overseas patients has not come up to expectations and three of its most senior doctors have left.

The hospital, built with £30 million of public money, had promised to create 1,800 jobs, but so far only 400 have materialised. Recently the Scottish Office gave the hospital an urgent £1 million advance of money due to have been paid when more jobs were created.

The hospital has treated NHS patients from Manchester and Fife after the Scottish Office said it saw no reason for NHS trust hospitals not to make use of HCI if they could get a good deal.



Julie Pacey: had been sexually assaulted

Daughter may have seen killer

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A GIRL who discovered her mother's murdered body when she arrived home from school may have seen the killer as she walked along the road outside, police said yesterday.

Helen Pacey, 14, found her mother, Julie, dead or dying on the bathroom floor of their home in Grantham, Lincolnshire. Detectives believe the murderer had only just left the scene when the teenager walked in. They also disclosed that Mrs Pacey, 38, had been sexually assaulted before being strangled.

However, detectives have been able to obtain only a brief outline of events from Helen as she is still too distressed to talk. Detective Superintendent Roger Billingsley, said: "It is a possibility that Helen passed the killer on the street. We will be asking her if she saw a stranger leaving the house or anywhere in the area and the answer to that question will be crucial.

"Whoever committed the murder probably left by the front door and went out on to the street, so somebody somewhere must have seen him."

Helen, her brother Matthew, 11, and their father, Andrew Pacey, a plumber, are staying with relatives.

Doctor on drugs charge

A GP who played a central role in shaping the Thatcher health reforms has been charged with unlawful possession and supply of heroin. Dr Clive Froggatt, 46, an adviser to the Health Secretary, was remanded on bail until November 10 when he appeared before Gloucester magistrates yesterday.

Rape challenge

A Manchester rape victim who was refused compensation because she took five weeks to contact police after she was attacked won leave to *challenge the decision in the* High Court. The woman was raped in 1991.

Inn disgrace

Hotel guests believe they are being overcharged for service, accommodation and drinks, a poll in the new *Which? Hotel Guide* says. More than one in three respondents claimed to have been cheated.

Veteran killed

A retired accountant was found battered to death after a burglar ransacked his flat in Oldham. Harry Johnston, 79, a war veteran, was found dead in his sheltered accommodation flat.

Pollution rise

Pollution incidents in streams, rivers and lakes increased by 8 per cent to 25,299 last year, the National Rivers Authority said, blaming the rise on small and medium-size firms.

New range

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To play, tune in to *Countdown* on Channel 4 at 4.30pm today and you have six chances of winning or sharing the £500 prize.

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To claim the TV prize, phone our hotline on **091-510 0665** between 5pm and 8pm today. You must have your game card with you. If there is more than one valid claim, the prize will be divided among the winners.

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For the purpose of judging, The Concise Oxford Dictionary — New Edition for the 1990s will be the sole reference, and the rules for Countdown will apply. In all matters the Editor's decision will be final. If your copy of *The Times* did not contain a game card, contact your newsagent or call **071-867 0404**.

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Round 3 ..... E A A I
Round 4 ..... E A I O
Round 5 ..... A A O
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COUNTDOWN PRIZEWINNERS

The £500 Day One Times game prize was shared by two winners with 39 letters each. They are: Mrs Gilda Bogod of London and Mr Derek Hall of Dunfermline, Scotland. Mr Hall, a senior telephonist, had the following consonants on his card and by using the vowels for Day One made the following five words.

Round 1: S T C N F (O E O U) ..... CONFUTES
Round 2: N K G S D L (A O O) ..... GONDOLAS
Round 3: F P L R Y (A E A A) ..... PALFREY
Round 4: G D L L N (I A U A) ..... ALLUDING
Round 5: N T M S S P (I I E) ..... MISSPENT

The £1,000 Day One TV prize was shared by three winners. They are: Mr Wilfred Hughes of Chippenham, Wiltshire, Alfred Luckett of Ramsgate, Kent and Mrs Enid Hughes of Exeter, Devon.

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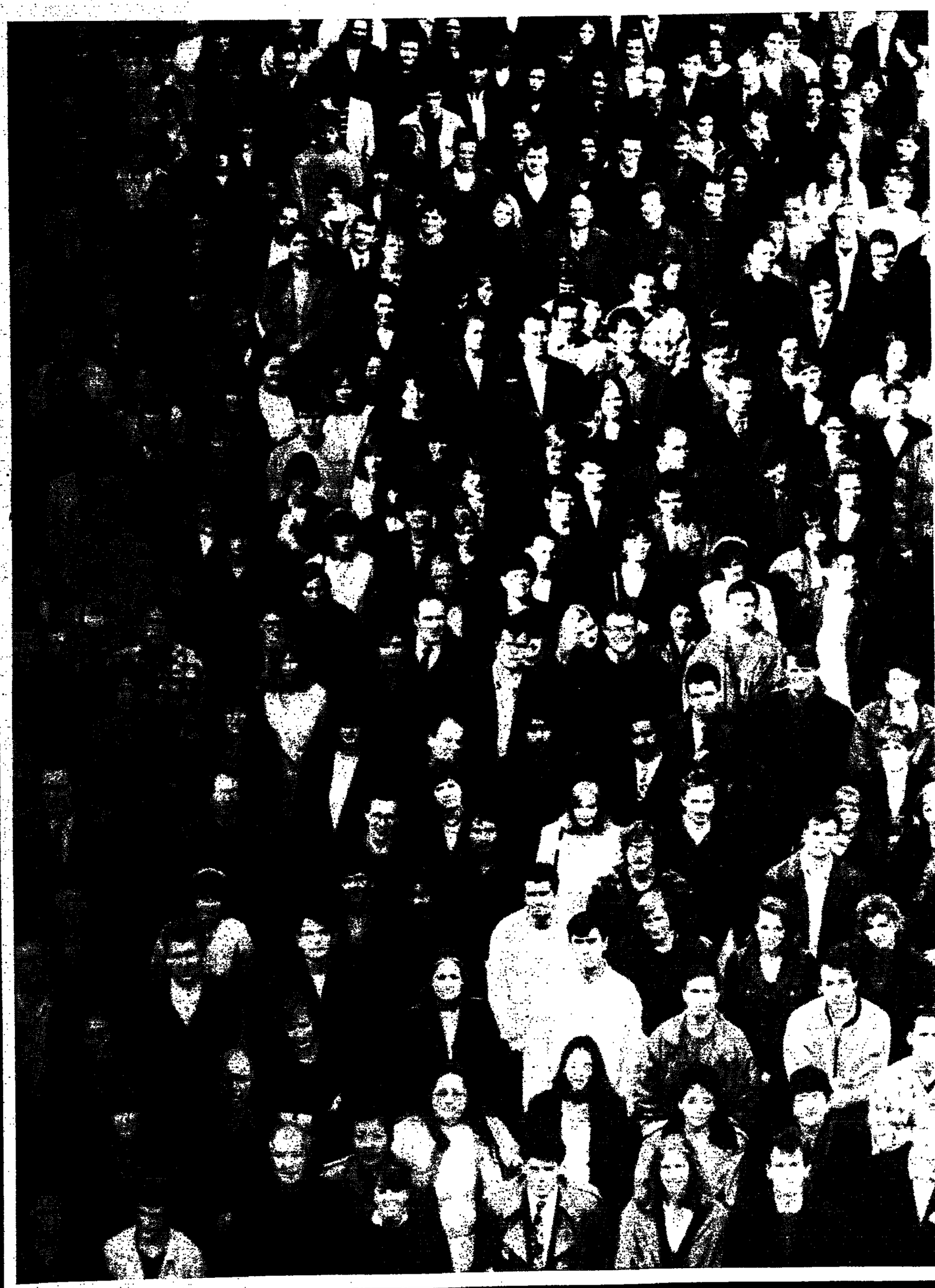
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Bullied girl found hanged in bedroom

BY PAUL WILKINSON AND BEN PRESTON

A GIRL of 12 was found hanging by her dressing-gown cord after claims that she was taunted at school about her red hair.

Lynette McLaughlin, the oldest of four children, was found on Tuesday by her sister Kerry, 10, suspended from a hook on the back of her bedroom door. She had come in from school shortly before. Attempts by her family and paramedics to revive her failed.

The investigations launched yesterday by police and education officials came on the eve of a government initiative to stamp out bullying in schools.

A family friend said that Lynette had been teased and bullied about her "distinctive" hair by pupils at Ribbleton Hall High School in Preston, Lancashire. Violet Brown, 60, a neighbour, said: "I knew it was something that worried her after she went to senior school. Until recently she seemed so happy."

Eric Forth, the education minister, will publish advice for head teachers today, detailing a range of approaches shown to have curbed bullying in some schools. These include encouraging teachers to hold classroom discussions about bullying, requiring bullies to face their victims, and training playground supervisors to spot tormentors.

The guidance is based on research by Sheffield University. Although the guidelines will not be statutory, schools will be under pressure to take action as the new private inspectorate monitors how they tackle the problem. Recent academic studies suggest that one in four pupils suffers bullying at primary and middle schools.

It is understood that members of Lynette's family told police that she was bullied. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances and that a report was being prepared for the coroner.

☐ A boy aged 13 was found hanged in his room at a children's home in Cramlington, Northumberland, yesterday. Police say the death of Brian Stobbart was not suspicious and discounted suggestions of bullying.



George Bailey of Sotheby's presides over the largest country house auction for a decade

Dealers flock to auction at Victorian treasure house

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE contents of one of the great undiscovered country houses of England went under the hammer yesterday in the largest auction of its kind for a decade.

More than 1,000 dealers and private bargain hunters filled a huge marquee in the grounds of Stokesay Court, Shropshire, to watch the disposal of 5,000 objects, from rare carpets to common iron firedogs. They belonged to the family of John Derby Allcroft, glovemaker of Worcester, who demolished a medieval manor house, built a 37 bedroom Victorian pile in 1890, and crammed it with the furniture and artifacts of his age.

Sotheby's estimated that the four-day sale would realise £2.5 million, but by the end of the first session yesterday bidders had already parted with £1.3 million.

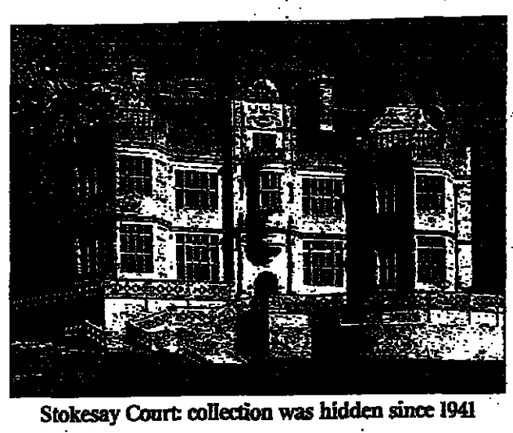
Allcroft's collection was bundled up and stored in attics and basements when the house was requisitioned as a school in 1941. There it remained until astonished valuers came upon it on the death of his granddaughter, Jewell Allcroft, in 1992.

Bargain hunters were largely disappointed, especially by the star items in the first day's sale. A rare pair of mahogany and bronze torchères — ornate pedestals capped by bronze urns — acquired by the family in 1906 and valued then at little over £100, sold for £80,700, far beyond the £35,000 estimate.

An unnamed Lebanese woman bidding by telephone from Paris paid almost as handsomely for a Victorian marquetry display cabinet, made as an exhibition piece by Gillow of Lancaster in 1862, which wildly exceeded its £25,000 estimate and went for £78,500.

Even a Victorian beechwood drinks trolley, unlovely with its wheels the size of a bicycle, fetched £3,000 when Sotheby's thought it worth barely £500.

By the weekend the Allcroft collection will be no more. The house, which has passed to distant relatives, is expected to be sold and converted into flats. Their future owners will have to scour the antique dealers, and pay undoubtedly fancy prices, to refurnish them with genuine Victoriana.



Stokesay Court: collection was hidden since 1941

Barristers clash with solicitors over fees

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A FRESH dispute has erupted between barristers and solicitors over court work, with the Bar planning to report the Law Society to the Office of Fair Trading.

The Bar is complaining about what it claims are unlawful Law Society proposals to charge commission for referring court work.

The idea is to encourage solicitors not to take on work if they do not have the specialist expertise or if the firm is small and has inadequate resources. The proposal is for them to pass on the work to another firm and charge a small fee.

The Bar has taken counsel's opinion, which supports the view that the practice is unlawful. Robert Seabrook, QC, Bar chairman, said: "The original idea that solicitors who are ill-equipped to deal with certain kinds of work should pass it on is obviously a good one. But it is one thing to do this for advisory work; another for advocacy. And in the area of publicly funded work, it is quite sinister and contrary to the public interest."

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Bridging Loans – Standard & Preferential	0.95%	12.0%
Professional Studies Loan Scheme	0.70%	8.7%

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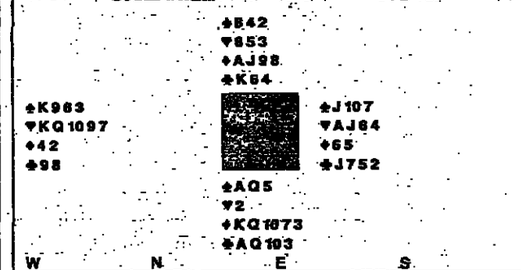
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DORMER on BRIDGE

BY ALBERT DORMER, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

South dealer N-S vul



W	N	E	S
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	2♠	2♥	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♥K

West continues with a second heart and South ruffs East's ace. Trumps are drawn in two rounds. What now?

Solution: The contract will always come home if clubs behave or if the spade finesse succeeds, but the 2-2 trump break allows South to adopt a cast-iron line of play.

Ruff the remaining heart and cash the ♠A. Cross to the ♠K and lead a club from the table. When East follows small, finesse the 10. If the 10 wins or loses, you are home. If West wins with the jack he will have to lead a spade or give you a ruff and discard. This takes care of one of dummy's losing spades: the other goes on the ♣Q.

Suppose that East shows out when the third club is led from the table: now you put on the queen and throw West in with a club, discarding a spade from dummy.

☐ There were stormy scenes in the world knockout teams semi-final between Poland and Sweden when a Polish pair repeatedly deviated from its published bidding system — and gave unhelpful replies to opponents' inquiries.

The Polish pair were eventually banished and given substantial penalties but the Polish team still won narrowly and yesterday were locked in battle with the Americans.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Tilburg final

TWO great players have suffered defeats in the open tournament now in its final stage at Tilburg, Holland. Anatoly Karpov lost to the Russian Evgeny Bareev while Vassily Ivanchuk was beaten by Valery Salov.

White: Valery Salov
Black: Vassily Ivanchuk
Queen's Gambit Accepted

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	d5
3	c4	dxc4
4	e3	c5
5	Bxc4	e6
6	Qe2	a6
7	dxc5	Bxc5
8	0-0	Qc7
9	Nbd2	Nc6
10	Bd3	Be7
11	b3	0-0
12	Bb2	Bd7
13	Rac1	Rfc8
14	Ne4	Nd5
15	Ne5	Be8
16	Nxc6	Bxc6

Diagram of final position

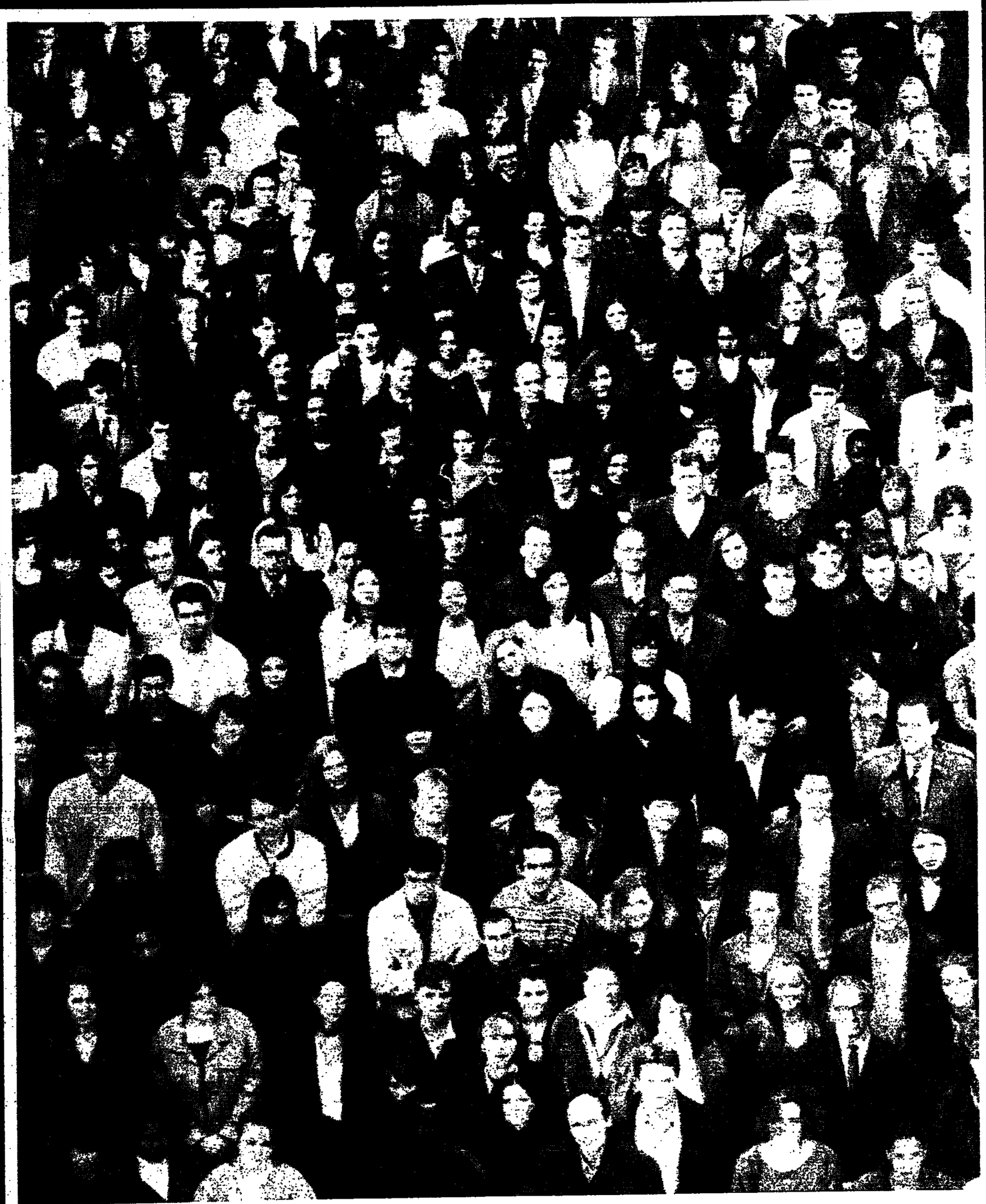
17	Qg4	g6
18	Bc4	Qd8
19	Rfd1	b5
20	Bxd5	Bxd5
21	Rxc8	Qxc8
22	Nf6+	Bxf6
23	Bxf6	Qc2
24	Qd4	Rc8
25	h3	h5
26	Rd2	Qc1+
27	Kh2	Qe1
28	Qf4	Bxg2
29	Kxg2	Qxd2
30	Qh6	Qd5+
31	e4	Qxe4+
32	Kh2	Black resigns

White: Evgeny Bareev
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	e3	Bb7
5	Nc3	Bb4
6	Bd3	c5
7	0-0	0-0
8	Bd2	d5
9	cxd5	cxd4
10	exd4	Bxc3
11	bxc3	Qxd5
12	Re1	Nbd7
13	Qe2	Rfd8
14	a4	Bc8
15	Qf1	Qd6
16	Ne5	Nxe5
17	Rxe5	Ng4
18	Rf5	Nf6
19	Rh4	e5
20	Be3	h6
21	Qc1	Kh8
22	dxe5	Qxe5
23	Bd4	Qd5
24	Bf1	Rd6
25	a5	Nb4
26	Rg4	g5
27	axb6	axb6
28	Rxe8+	Bxe8
29	Qa3	Qa5
30	Qxa5	bxa5
31	f3	f5
32	fxe4	Rxd4
33	cxd4	fxg4
34	Bd3	a4
35	d5	Ke7
36	Kf2	Kd6
37	Ke3	a3
38	Bb1	g3
39	hxg3	Ke5
40	Kd3	Bb7
41	Kc4	Bc8
42	Kb4	Bg4
43	Kxa3	Be2
44	Kb4	Bf1
45	Kc5	Bxg2
46	Bd3	Bf3
47	d6	Bg4
48	Kc6	Bc8
49	Kc7	Be6
50	Bc4	Bg4
51	Be2	Be6
52	Bf3	g4
53	Bg2	h5
54	d7	Black resigns

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Crime experts express doubts as Howard launches community patrol scheme

Civilians urged to become eyes and ears of the police

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

CIVILIANS should mount regular street patrols as the eyes and ears of the police under a new community crime scheme launched yesterday by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. The volunteers could not carry weapons and would be told not to intervene to stop crime.

Street Watch, described by Mr Howard as "walking with a purpose", immediately divided crime prevention experts and provoked fears that volunteers would be at risk. Leading officers expressed concern at diverting police resources and the risk of creating vigilantes. Labour described the idea as untested.

Although Street Watch is officially being backed by chief constables, Sir John Smith, Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers, questioned its value. Asked on BBC Radio what was the point of Street Watch, he suggested that the question should be put to the Home Secretary.

Mr Howard said that the civilians would be volunteers, not vigilantes. "I am not asking people who take part to have a go. There is a great deal that can be done, that will have an impact on crime, without people getting involved or directly intervening." He added: "It has been described as 'walking with a purpose', keeping your eyes and ears open. I would like to think it is what everyone does, but we all know it isn't."

Members would patrol only with the agreement of local police and people. Guidelines agreed with chief constables would be given to all members and would emphasise that:

- ☐ They have no police powers.
- ☐ They should not intervene in suspicious circumstances; jeopardise their own safety; make arrests; enter premises without permission; carry weapons or implements for civil defence; warn off undesirables.
- ☐ They should observe events; record information and report suspicions to a co-ordinator; watch empty properties; visit vulnerable people; offer transport or pedestrian escort; maintain good contact with all scheme members; watch members' cars; and exercise discretion over information acquired.

Street Watch is part of a three-pronged package presented by Mr Howard, including more neighbourhood watch schemes and more special constables.



Michael Howard with Jacqueline Price, founder of the Glenfield Observers, and her husband Malcolm

Village already 'walking with a purpose'

MICHAEL Howard's latest initiative for fighting crime was finalised over tea and biscuits in the parish council offices of a Leicestershire village last week (Richard Duce writes). His Street Watch plan, which he describes as "walking with a purpose", is similar to a scheme which has been operating in Glenfield for the past ten months.

The 66 Glenfield Observers have become the eyes and ears of the local police as they note down anything they regard as suspicious while out walking the dog or jogging.

Last Friday, the Home Secretary learnt first hand of the group's work in protecting 10,000 villagers and yesterday he described the village scheme as the ideal blend of Neighbourhood Watch, patrols and special constables.

The Observers were formed with the backing of Glenfield Parish Council in November 1993 by Jacqueline Price, who is married to a policeman and is herself a special constable with the equivalent rank to an inspector. She said the group was formed originally from people who had wanted to become special constables but lacked the right qualifications.

Each of the Observers carries an identity card, which is produced when they need to ask to use a telephone.

Scientists find life beneath Pacific

Scientists have found bugs living 1,500ft beneath the floor of the Pacific. The discovery of the most deeply buried forms of life on Earth means the amount of living matter on the planet is at least a tenth greater than previously supposed (Nigel Hawkes writes).

The find is reported in *Nature* this week by Dr John Parkes, of Bristol University, and colleagues who made the drillings from the international scientific ship *Joides Resolution*. "The bacteria are rather like those you would find in coastal muds but adapted to live at higher pressures," Dr Parkes said.

Union pays

The Transport and General Workers' Union is paying the £150 fine imposed by York magistrates on David Barker, a bus driver convicted of jumping a red light on a rail crossing. John Greenway, Tory MP for Ryedale, said the union policy removed any deterrent effect on the offender.

Sentence delay

Doctors at Broadmoor hospital want 12 weeks to assess Curtis Howard, 27, the American who stabbed Catherine Ayling, 24, to death. Mr Justice Hidden said he was alarmed by the delay in being able to sentence Howard, who admitted manslaughter.

Baby trial

The trial of Adrian and Bernadette Mooney, of Wokingham, Berkshire, alleged to have bought a baby in Romania, was adjourned until October 12, the third delay. A co-defendant hired a new solicitor who demanded time for review.

Saga age drop

Britain's largest holiday company for pensioners has reduced its minimum age by ten years to 50. Roger De Haan, the chairman, said the company felt it should welcome "young retireds".

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Top shot

A judge played a golf shot from the roof of Woking clubhouse, Surrey, after his partner's stroke went awry but stayed in bounds. Sir Simon Brown, 57, and Recorder Nigel Wilkinson, QC, still lost their match.

Gun death

A coroner found that Tim Slater, a Hull University student, died accidentally after shooting himself in the eye with a defective Russian handgun while at Cottingham gun club with friends last November.

Mrs Beeton sandwich man fined £7,500

A SANDWICH maker who followed a 130-year-old Mrs Beeton recipe to make mayonnaise with raw eggs was fined £7,500 yesterday after it caused an outbreak of food poisoning that put eight people in hospital.

Former policeman John Ferrier said the offending dressing had been made according to the Victorian cook's "bible", but magistrate Gerwyn Watkins decided he should have been aware of the risk of salmonella and found him guilty of five charges of selling sandwiches unfit for consumption. Sixty two people became ill in June last year after buying food from Ferrier's Posh Nosh sandwich bar in Cardiff.

Ferrier, 38, carried into court his Mrs Beeton's cookbook, first published in 1861, and showed the recipe he had followed. But Geoff Jones, prosecuting for Cardiff City Council, said it was widely known in the food industry that salmonella was present in one in 880 eggs, and Mrs Watkins decided Ferrier had not heeded the latest guidelines circulated by the council.

Ferrier, who was ordered to pay £550 costs, said after the hearing that he had abandoned Mrs Beeton's recipe in favour of bottled mayonnaise.

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Union and employer agree to disagree after settling signallers' dispute

Both sides in rail dispute claim peace with honour

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

RAILTRACK has won most of the productivity improvements it sought from the RMT rail union to settle the signalworkers' dispute.

But details of the agreement reached yesterday at the conciliation service Acas suggest that RMT leaders gained more money than had earlier been offered.

Both sides used the agreement to justify their actions during the four months of signalworkers' strikes. Railtrack insisted that nothing had been agreed which had not been available to the union for some time, while the RMT said it was an "excellent" package which marked a considerable shift in the company's position.

The moves mark a turnaround by both sides. Before the Acas talks, Railtrack pulled in every pay element it had available to produce figures suggesting earnings rises of up to 10 per cent in an attempt to increase the number of signallers going back to work, while RMT leaders talked down the value of what was on offer. Yesterday, the two sides reversed roles, with Railtrack stripping out parts of the deal to minimise ministers' embarrassment while the RMT added as many factors as possible to maximise its achievements.

The main elements include a 2.5 per cent pay rise, in line with general pay settlements across the public sector, and a lump sum payment averaging £480, but rising as high as £660, in return for the introduction of cashless pay and some new working arrangements. RMT officials said this was in part payment for past productivity improvements, a claim denied by Railtrack. Payments to some signalworkers approach the £1,200 they have lost on average by striking.

Some old allowances will be put into basic pay, giving an increase in average earnings of 3.4 per cent. Some basic rates will rise by 29 per cent. The minimum working week falls from 39 to 37 hours.

Railtrack has won almost all the efficiency changes it has been seeking, including more flexible work rostering, though the company pulled back from the important demand of treating Sunday as though it were a normal working day.

Signallers will have to operate public address systems on unmanned stations, replace light bulbs rather than call out a maintenance team, use video display units, keyboards and radio equipment, clean and paint the interior of their signalboxes, sell tickets and handle parcels.

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THE SETTLEMENT

- Rise of 2.5 per cent for all signallers
- Lump sum, maximum £660, average £480
- Basic pay to subsume some allowances, raising average earnings by 3.4 per cent. Some basic rates up 29 per cent
- Working week cut from 39 to 37 hours
- Flexible rostering and extra duties accepted
- Basic rates rise from a range of £7,806-£12,065 to £9,080-£15,200. All staff to be at least £15 a week better off.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Sir Robert Horton, chairman of Railtrack, who said yesterday that his organisation had achieved its desired productivity reforms

Scotland counts £6m cost

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE rail strike in Scotland has cost £6 million and is likely to have set back plans for privatisation. Chris Green, director of ScotRail, has admitted the losses would have left the service bankrupt had it been a private company.

Yesterday ScotRail started trying to woo customers back with a series of special offers, including two tickets for the price of one and off-peak discounts. Red-coated "welcome hosts" will hold connections for customers or book hotels and taxis.

In addition to the £300,000 lost each day of the strike, ScotRail fears that it has lost customers permanently as they found other ways of getting to work. In previous strikes it is estimated that 2 per cent of regular commuters never returned.

ScotRail is seeking compensation for its losses from Railtrack. Alex Lynch, finance director of ScotRail, said that there would be an impact on investment and maintenance. "The money that has been lost may mean investment has to be postponed."

He also said that the strike may have dissuaded potential bidders for a privatised ScotRail. "It has been useful in opening people's eyes to the fact you can lose £6 million, through no fault of your own, in three months."

McGuinness refuses to say 'permanent'

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MARTIN McGuinness, a senior member of Sinn Fein, said yesterday he would never describe the IRA ceasefire as permanent. He also said he would be laughed out of the room if he called on the IRA to hand over their weapons.

Mr McGuinness, who provides Sinn Fein's strongest link with the IRA, was asked by the *Belfast Telegraph* why he would not say the ceasefire was permanent. He said: "I am not going to use that word. I will never use that word in this particular context because very little in life is permanent. What the British Government is trying to do is get me to act as a spokesman for the IRA, which I am not prepared to do."

He praised the IRA ceasefire as courageous and called on the Government to accept that the Provisionals had not been defeated. "They need to register the reality that the IRA have not surrendered and I don't think there is any possibility of Republicans using any form of words or adding to anything that they have already said on this particular issue."

Mr McGuinness was also adamant that the IRA would not hand over its huge armoury. He said: "If I, as a member of Sinn Fein — now this is my own personal opinion — went to the IRA and suggested that the IRA on their own disarm, I think I would be laughed out of the room. I think people would think I'd taken leave of my senses."

His comments, which came after Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, warned in America that a future IRA leadership might return to violence, mark a hardening of Sinn Fein's position as the Government considers its definitive response to the ceasefire.

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist MP for Upper Bann, said that Mr McGuinness's comments showed there was little chance of Sinn Fein entering the constitutional process. "They will not be engaged in the process until they have irrevocably and unequivocally embraced peace. Mr McGuinness's words show that there is very little hope that they will embrace entirely peaceful methods."

IRA steps up beatings in wake of ceasefire

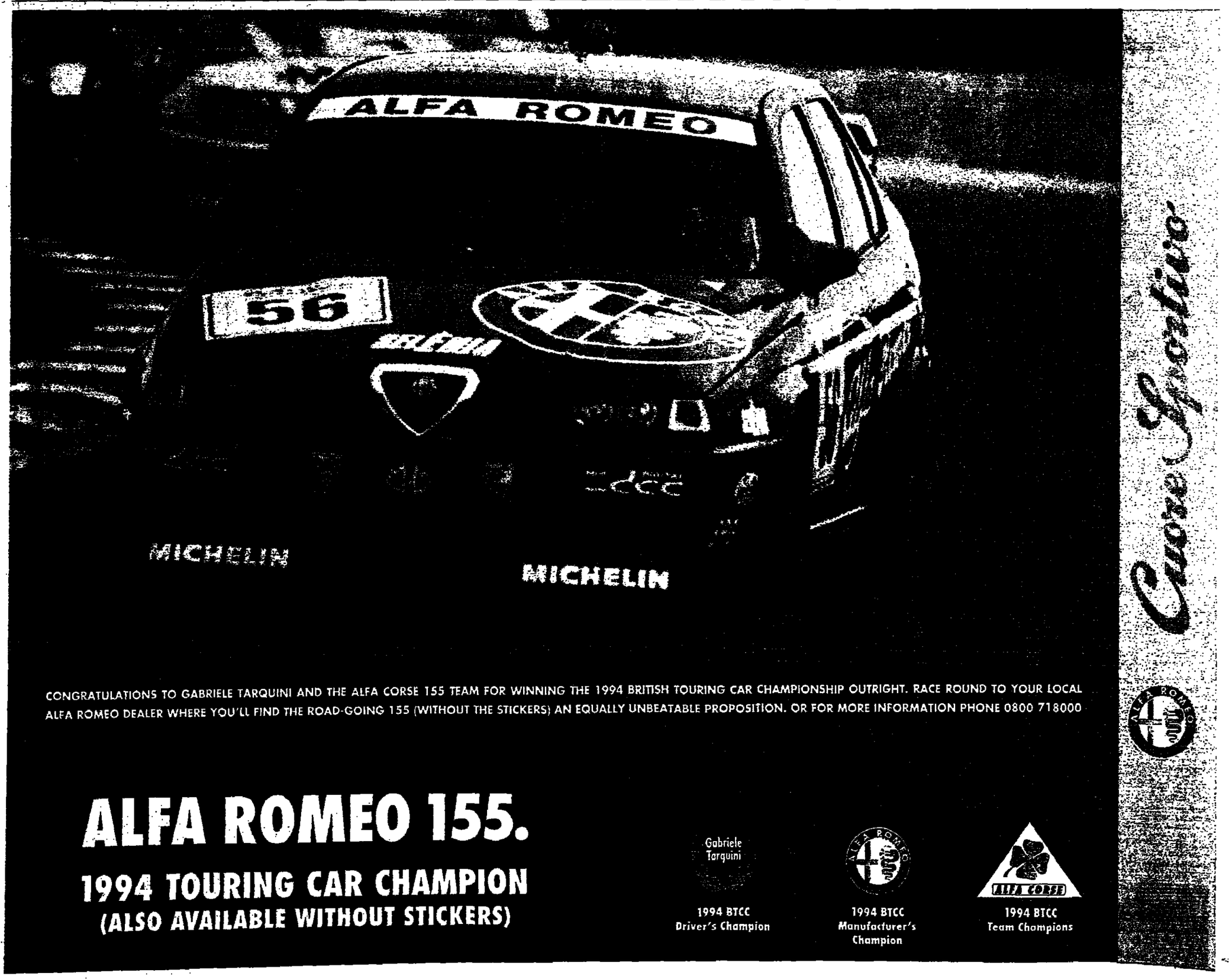
BY NICHOLAS WATT

IRA gangs have stepped up punishment beatings in nationalist areas of Northern Ireland since the ceasefire, a human rights group in Belfast said yesterday.

Masked men have forced their way into homes to mete out justice against so-called "anti-social elements". A boy aged 16 had both legs broken and a man of 35 had both arms and legs broken.

Henry Robinson, of Families Against Intimidation and Terror, said the IRA had dramatically increased attacks since announcing its ceasefire. Of the 13 attacks this year, seven have been since the announcement. The IRA has apparently abandoned knee-cap shootings in favour of beatings but Mr Robinson said it was only time before someone was killed: "How can you be interested in peace if you are smashing people's knees?" The attacks, he claimed, were being co-ordinated from Sinn Fein advice centres.

The beatings look set to become one of the main stumbling blocks in the coming weeks. Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland Secretary, said the attacks were incompatible with a commitment to democracy.



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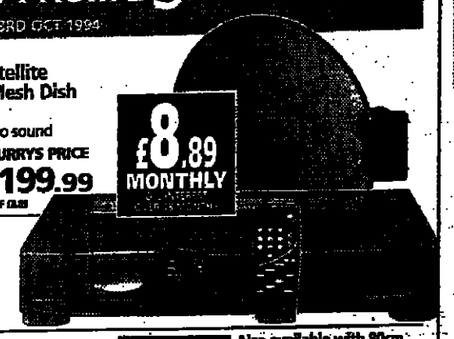


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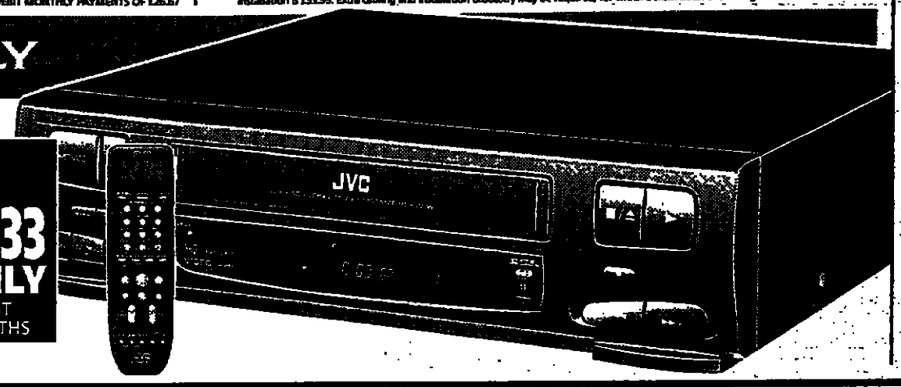
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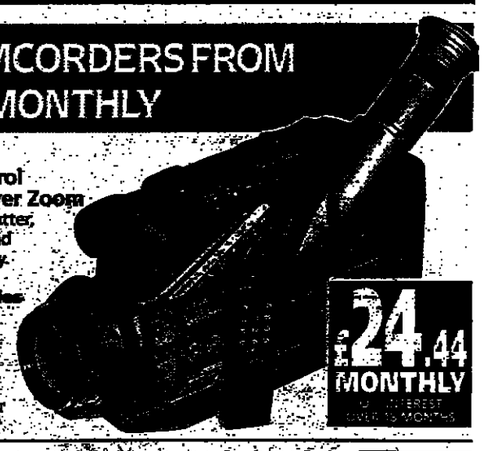
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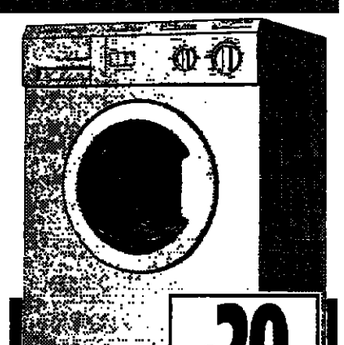
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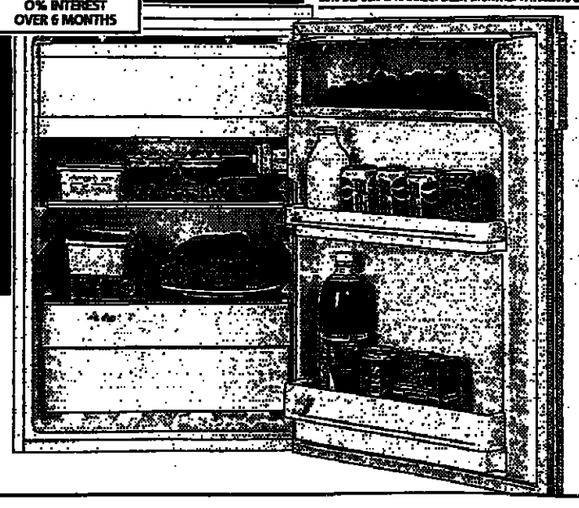
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Deputy leader reveals financial goal

Labour plans to cut reliance on unions

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND PETER RIDDELL

THE Labour Party could soon be able to run itself between elections without money from the trade unions, John Prescott, the deputy leader, says in an interview with *The Times* today.

As Labour announced a big surge in membership since the election of Tony Blair, Mr Prescott, head of the party's campaigning and organisation, disclosed his objective to increase membership to a level that would allow union funds to be devoted solely to election campaigning.

Mr Prescott is to set out his plans to boost membership — the aim is expected to be at least a doubling from the present 288,000 — at next week's party conference.

If he succeeds in making the party self-financing in terms of its annual running costs, £7.7 million in 1993, it would further undermine the Tory charge that Labour remains in the pockets of the unions.

Trade union affiliation fees were £4.7 million in 1993, 40 per cent of Labour's income.

But a key part of Mr Prescott's membership drive is to turn those trade unionists who pay a levy to Labour into full-time members at a cut-price £3 a year.

He says that Labour should tell the unions that with their membership falling they could not be expected to give the party as much as before and that "we have to earn our own way". He said: "I would have thought Labour in the main should be able to cover its running expenses and that whatever it gets from trade union contributions we should use for elections."

Mr Prescott wants Labour MPs, including frontbenchers, to play a big part in the campaign to recruit and keep new members. He says he wants to "put the heart back into the party machine." He says: "If everyone already in the party brought in one new member a year that would double membership." Labour said yesterday that it had recruited 25,000 new members since the start of August.

Mr Prescott also rejects the idea of a pact with the Liberal Democrats. "I am not a fan of the idea," he said. "They have their policies. We have ours. We have to spend all our energies convincing the electorate that Labour can win and is the only alternative."

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John Prescott: striving to complement a Labour leader whose political style is a world away from his own

Prescott determined to make party double act work

BY PETER RIDDELL AND PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN PRESCOTT starts by wondering why *The Times* wants to interview him. Are we looking for a pre-conference gaffe? The new Labour deputy leader has not quite adjusted to being at the heart of the party establishment, having challenged it twice before, in 1988 and 1992, when he unsuccessfully sought his present post. He admits it is a confusing time, moving office and trying to work out how to do the job. "I have been shouting about it long enough: now is the time to see which policies will bear fruit."

The change in the location of his office is symbolic. Three months ago, when we interviewed him during the Labour leadership contest, he was in his turret-like room in the corner of Parliament Square. It was remote and detached. Now, he is in the leadership suite, behind Speaker's Court and overlooking the Thames, at the centre of power, only Blair has moved nearer to the shadow Cabinet room, leaving Mr Prescott with John Smith's old office upstairs where a gnomic drawing of Attlee looks down on him. He is now looking for one of Oliver Cromwell. One result of having this office, Mr Prescott notes, is that people wait outside rather than barge in.

Mr Prescott has become a pivotal figure. He has an independent standing as the voice of the party and the unions outside. As deputy leader, he has taken responsibility for organisation and campaigning. He presents himself as a political boss protecting the party from interference from the politicians — putting the heart back into the party machine and the Walworth Road headquarters — and as ombudsman and champion of Labour members. Unlike his predecessor, he will not act as shadow Leader of the Commons. Apart from deputising for Mr Blair when necessary, he will take charge of the integration of European policy.

"We are going to be in a position where the Government wants to identify itself as anti or agnostic about Europe. We are identified with the social chapter, which will automatically put us into a more positive framework and attitude towards Europe. That needs to be spelt out and understood."

Although his style is different from the modernisers around Mr Blair, he accepts some of their message that the party has to show that it has changed. He sees himself as being complementary to Mr Blair in reassuring the party faithful. People who came back to Labour were not going to say they had done so because they had been wrong. "They are much more likely to say I am returning because Labour has changed. If that is so, you have to reassure the base that, while some of the language may have changed, the values have not. That is the balance which is probably represented in Tony and me." The party outside, he argues, want somebody actively to involve them. "I have to keep the train together. There is the argument of those who say we have to go forward. At the back, they are apprehensive that all the shouting up front is about changing direction. That is the challenge for me."

Mr Prescott concedes there are constraints in his job. "I would be dishonest if I did not say it. I am the deputy, not the leader. The party wants us to work together. They don't want divisions in the leadership. They want to see us working towards victory, but not victory at any price no matter how desperate we are for it. The party put two parts together that are distinctly different. Some of the stress and strain may come on me. But they have voted for those parts to be together. While there may be some rub at the interface, they don't want there to be a collision of those parts, nor an open public debate.

> "The party wants to see us working towards victory, but not victory at any price no matter how desperate we are"

"I give my advice privately. Nobody is free of constraints. I don't believe in the George Brown role where you threaten to resign every other day if you don't think something is right. But I am elected every year. The party can make a judgment. I have to retain the confidence of the party. I was elected for different reasons than Tony but they put us in that relationship. I won't be short of making clear what I think is right and wrong."

Mr Prescott is much cannier than the Tory caricature of him as blundering and accident prone. Referring to the signalling dispute, "one would love to say everything you wanted to say, but you have to be aware of the other constraint. The Government wants to move you into a position where the issue becomes 1979 again with the Government on one side and Labour and the unions on the other. The struggle of trade unionism is my whole being. That does not mean everything trade unions say is right. It is very central part of the labour movement. Everybody who knows me knows I feel strongly about it." But he is not about to rock the boat. He has always been in favour of the minimum wage, but believes that questions about its level should be considered by the party's economic commission. "I can't see that we could go into the election without giving more detail, but I have to say wait to see what comes out of the commission."

His priority now is to boost membership. "I will be judged on that performance. Just getting new members not enough. It's about the contact we have. MPs could play a big part in meeting new members and encouraging contact. If everyone brought in one new member each that would double membership each year. I have to think what is realistic for the party to handle. Don't set too high a figure since we don't want to fall on our face."

He accepts that some unions are still smarting after last year's row about one-member one-vote. They are resentful about co-operating. "We have over a period of time to make our peace."

If he succeeds in doubling membership, not only will he have fulfilled one of Mr Blair's main targets, but he will have reinforced his position in the leadership as the voice and conscience of the party — like his hero Ernest Bevin.

Inquiry ordered into Asian recruits

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour Party has decided to set up an inquiry into allegations that Asians in the Midlands and the North have recruited hundreds of new members to take over constituency parties and oust sitting MPs.

Labour's National Executive Committee agreed yesterday to set up a sub-committee to look at a number of constituencies, including Manchester Gorton, where a group of Asians had their membership blocked after an investigation showed that more than 600 had applied to join the party in 1993. Twenty-five per cent were subsequently expelled when it was discovered that they were not on the electoral register or false addresses were given.

The Asian members accused officials of racism, leading to a court case which is still continuing. Labour has agreed, on the judge's instructions, to investigate whether all the selection meetings were called properly after allegations from Asians that they were not given proper notification.

The NEC also agreed to tighten procecures to try to ensure that "problem areas" such as Gorton are spotted in advance. Steps will be taken to ensure that all members are on the electoral register unless they have good reason not to be. Membership may also be blocked if an application is not signed or if several subscriptions are paid by one person.

☐ Tony Blair, the Labour leader, was rebuked yesterday for his lenient approach last weekend to 11 constituencies which failed to find women delegates to send to the party conference.

He sat in silence yesterday while the NEC agreed that the rules should be toughened. Robin Cook, Clare Short and Harriet Harman all protested that the policy agreed last year, that constituences send a woman delegate every other year, "should not be allowed to unravel".

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Foreign Secretary admits £200 million was pledged to Malaysian dam before full costs were known

Hurd blames Thatcher for aid package haste

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS Hurd blamed Baroness Thatcher yesterday for promising more than £200 million towards the Pergau dam project before knowing full details of the scheme's cost.

The Foreign Secretary said that the former Prime Minister was wrong to commit British money before final costings had been given by building companies.

Within weeks of Lady Thatcher making a verbal promise to the Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, in 1989, the cost soared from an inital "maximum" of £316 million to £397 million, of which Britain agreed to contribute £234 million.

MPs have closely investigated Lady Thacher's role in the decision to offer aid to the Malaysian dam project. Labour MPs and environmental groups insist that the project is unnecessarily expensive and that British aid was pledged only to ensure that Malaysia bought defence equipment. The controversy developed into a diplomatic dispute this year when newspaper reports about the deal offended Dr Mohamed and he banned British firms from bidding for state contracts. The ban was lifted recently.

The handling of the deal by Lady Thatcher's government has been heavily criticised by two cross-party select committees, which have concluded that there were comprehensive failures in arranging the aid package.

Mr Hurd yesterday released the Government's response to the latest Commons report, published by the Foreign Affairs Select Committee in July. He accepted the committee's conclusion that Lady Thatcher made the offer of aid "on the basis of information which was incomplete".

He said: "In its own review of the lessons from the Pergau project, the Government has concluded that more caution should be employed in future when making any form of preliminary offer on an Aid for Trade Provision project."

Lady Thatcher made a verbal offer of aid within days of a hurried appraisal of the Pergau site in 1989. As costs rose, the most senior civil servant at the Overseas Development Administration issued a warning that the project was "uneconomic".

In his response, Mr Hurd criticises the consortium of British companies that put in the inaccurate estimate. Agreeing with the conclusion that Balfour Beattie and Cementation International, a subsidiary of Trafalgar House, had given incomplete information, he said: "It would have been helpful if the consortium had been more forthcoming about the risks of a significant price increase."

However, Mr Hurd was less responsive to MPs' fierce criticisms about Britain's decision to link the aid package for Pergau to the sale of £1 billion worth of British defence equipment. The Foreign Affairs Committee criticised the lack of consultation between the Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence when Lord (then Sir George) Younger agreed to link the aid package to defence sales in April 1988.

The MPs said the lack of contact was "very regrettable" but Mr Hurd said only that "the Government acknowledges the importance of widespread consultation". He insisted again that in 1988 Lord Younger had quickly removed any linkage between aid and defence contracts.

MPs criticised past ministerial replies, in particular those from Chris Patten, then minister for overseas development, which they said were "literally true, though less open and less informative than the House has a right to expect". Mr Hurd denied that MPs had been misled.



Dr Mohamed and Mrs Thatcher signing the arms deal in 1988. Mr Hurd said the link with aid was quickly removed

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Hat test shows fitness for work

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

IF YOU can take your hat off to your boss you are fit for work, according to the Government's new regime for weeding out malingerers.

If, in much the same breath, you can also do up your shoelaces, carry a pint of milk with either hand, or switch on a cooker you are more likely to be rewarded with promotion than a successful claim for incapacity benefit of £57.60 a week.

The hat check is one of dozens of tests published yesterday by the Social Security Department as it unveiled its final proposals for assessing long-term fitness for work.

With spending on invalidity benefit more than doubling to £6.2 billion over the past decade, the department has introduced a new, "objective" method of assessing claims, to apply from April. It replaces the note from the family doctor that was the passport to successful claims under the old system.

Claimants will be assessed by Benefits Agency doctors on their performance at 15 work-related activities such as walking, sitting, lifting and carrying, manual dexterity and reaching. Points will be allocated according to the level of disability detected in each area. A combined score of 15 will ensure that a claimant qualifies for benefit.

The manual says: "Someone may be able to walk 50 yards or more but could not walk for 200 yards without stopping or severe discomfort. This by itself would score 7. However, if the person also had difficulties with manual dexterity, such that they were unable to tie a shoelace, this would score an additional 10.

Hats are covered by the reaching test. The manual says that if you cannot raise either arm to your head to put on a hat, you score 15 points.

However, if you can put on a hat with one hand but not the other, you score only six points. Salvation could come if you are so incapacitated in one hand that you cannot pick up a 2p piece (six points) or pick up and carry a pint of milk.

William Hague, the social security minister, said the new test was vital if the Government was to ensure that benefit was aimed at those who were genuinely sick and disabled. "The current system for controlling access to benefit has been blurred and weakened by the inclusion of non-medical factors and has put GPs in an invidious position."

Donald Dewar, the shadow Social Security Secretary, said that the final proposals amounted to minor tinkering with a flawed concept. "It is easy to send it up but it won't be a laughing matter for the thousands of people who will be excluded from benefit."

Minimum wage scheme reviewed

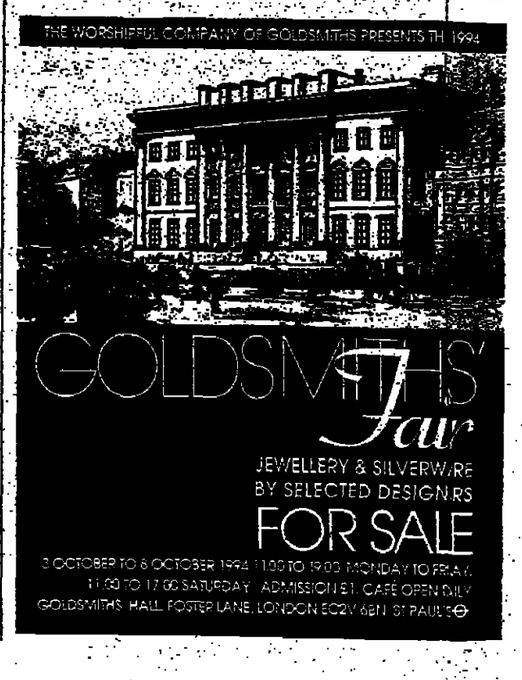
THE Labour party floated the option yesterday of watering down its plan for a national minimum wage into a regional scheme before the next general election (Arthur Leathley writes).

As party leaders face growing pressure for more specific commitments to a minimum wage, a front-bench spokesman disclosed that the party had not shut off the possibility of rates being set regionally.

Ann Clwyd, Labour's shadow employment minister, said the issue would be considered by the party's economic commission. Ms Clwyd, who personally opposes a regional scheme, said: "I wouldn't want to rule anything out."

However, trade unions will press forcefully against a regional scheme, claiming it could heighten regional disparities. Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, renewed his demand for Labour to back a minimum wage of at least £4 an hour.

Mr Morris, writing in a special conference edition of *New Statesman Daily*, said the "army of working poor" looked to Labour to give it hope and the party should offer a minimum of £4 an hour.



Alliance doubts persist over successor to Wörner

Nato takes a chance on Claes

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN STRASBOURG

WILLY Claes, the Belgian Foreign Minister, will be formally named today as Nato's Secretary-General when the alliance's ministers meet in New York. But doubts about his suitability for the job persist. They turn less on the details of his career than on whether he has either the instincts or the experience to master the tasks that face a transatlantic alliance under great stress.

Two experienced US senators, Richard Lugar, a Republican, and the Democrat Sam Nunn, privately warned President Clinton that the search for a Nato Secretary-General should be prolonged if Mr Claes were the best candidate Europe could produce. He is better known for his hobby of conducting orchestras than his views on the future of transatlantic defence.

He remains the object of lingering suspicions held by British officials for having been a member of the Belgian government that refused to sell ammunition to Britain during the Gulf War of 1991.

The appointment of Mr Claes to fill the vacancy created by the death in August of Manfred Wörner is therefore a compromise. Given the scale of the challenges which face the alliance in the next few years, Nato governments are, in the words of one diplomat, "taking a chance on a little-known quantity".

When Wörner died, Mr Claes was quickly sounded out by his sponsors, the French and Spanish governments. Clinton Administration officials let it be known that Washington would not block any nomination agreed by the EU, while hoping that the Dutch European Commissioner, Hans van den Broek, would collect support. But his political career has effectively been destroyed by the Balkans conflict: he offended Britain and Germany over Bosnia and his strong transatlantic instincts are unwelcome to the French. German and American officials discreetly sounded out Douglas Hurd about the job but were quickly discouraged. Denmark's popular former Foreign Minister, Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, was unable to run because he was campaigning for the general election.

Which left Mr Claes. The 56-year-old Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister is by no means unknown in Belgium. He has been a minister for more than two decades and a pivotal figure in a succession of coalitions. He is the pure product of Belgium's mind-numbingly complex political system. Political parties are not only divided between Left and Right and between Christian and secular, but also between the Flemish and French-speaking communities.

Mr Claes has achieved his prominence in his own country despite coming from the smallest party, the Flemish Socialists, in the current coalition. He is an acknowledged expert at what Belgian politicians call *saucissonage* — the art of slicing off and solving small segments of a problem until a complete solution is assembled. Mr Claes is by temperament a political manager, not a man of ideas.

> He supported his party's anti-Nato stance over cruise and Pershing missiles

He was born in a family poor enough to be thrown into the street when he was 13 by an angry landlord. His father hoped that he would become a civil servant: the young Claes dreamt of being a musician. Receiving a music prize, he met a socialist MP who arranged a loan which took him to university and into a career in socialist politics. He became an MP in 1968 and a minister for the first time four years later at the age of 33. His enemies call him the "Little Red Man", borrowing a phrase which Mr Claes himself once used as the title for a piece of music he composed. In fact, Mr Claes has been a centrist.

Most of his career has been spent in economic ministries and he preached austerity at his left-wing colleagues before it was fashionable. He stayed below the parapet while his party took the lead in opposing the stationing of cruise and Pershing missiles in Belgium in the early 1980s. But Mr Claes supported his party's anti-Nato stance and that history alone marks him out from his predecessor as Secretary-General of the alliance. As Germany's Defence Minister, Herr Wörner had defended the missile policy against a barrage of criticism before taking the job in Brussels.

Political corruption scandals have touched Mr Claes but so far done him no damage. He was closely involved in the purchase of helicopters for the Belgian armed forces in 1988, which has now turned into a scandal that has brought down several colleagues. But Mr Claes has emerged unscathed, suing the only newspaper that has accused him of any wrongdoing. His name was among many mentioned in an inquiry into illegal funding of socialist parties via bogus opinion polls but the investigating magistrate was interested in other targets.

The diplomats of the Belgian Foreign Ministry were surprised to acquire him as their boss in 1992. He is regarded as hard-working and well-organised but liable to outbursts of choleric temper. He came to wider international attention as chairman of the EU's foreign ministers' council during the Belgian presidency of the Union late last year and was generally reckoned to have done a competent job.

He holds classic federalist views of Europe's future shared by the entire Belgian political class: the EU should turn itself into a political and economic union with a united foreign policy and army to match.

His only striking opinion on foreign affairs was delivered to an obscure conference in Austria last year: that Christian societies find integration easier than Orthodox or Muslim states. Photocopied cuttings of this unpopular view were being passed from hand to hand by appalled diplomats from Central Europe in Brussels this week.



Willy Claes: better known for conducting orchestras than international defence policy

French presence at Nato meeting will aid Bosnia stand

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE presence today for the first time in 28 years of a French defence minister at a Nato ministerial committee will help to guarantee a strong European stand on Bosnia against continuing American pressure for lifting the arms embargo on the Muslims.

François Léotard will be at an informal two-day meeting of Nato Defence Ministers in the Spanish city of Seville at which Bosnia-Herzegovina will be the most urgent issue under discussion. He is the first French Defence Minister to attend such a meeting since France left Nato's integrated military structure in 1966.

The decision by President Mitterrand to approve the visit to Seville coincides with an increasing determination by France and Britain to resist Washington's new proposal for Bosnia, which is that the lifting of the arms ban should be delayed for six months.

The involvement of M Léotard in the Spanish meeting is politically and historically significant because it emphasises the acute awareness in Paris that closer contact with Nato military decision-making is of crucial importance.

M Léotard was supposed to have attended a similar informal meeting of Nato Defence Ministers in Travemünde, Germany, last October, when the Partnership for Peace scheme was first discussed. But at the last minute, President Mitterrand stopped him from going. The presence of M Léotard in Seville will provide important support for Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, who has been asked to open a discussion on Bosnia. Mr Rifkind, who said yesterday that the French decision to send his counterpart to Seville was a sensible development, will confirm that the 3,300 British troops in Bosnia will stay throughout the winter, unless the level of fighting increases sharply.

He said that plans to withdraw the troops would continue to be prepared, but the "welcome step" taken by the Bosnian government in postponing its request for a lifting of the arms embargo had removed the threat of an evacuation this year.

He added he was confident that a satisfactory compromise could be reached with President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, who has persuaded President Clinton to back a new six-month deadline for the lifting of the embargo.

Mr Rifkind also defended Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander in Bosnia, who has been the target of recent criticism from the republic's government and some American officials for adopting too soft an approach with the Serbs. He said: "We have total confidence in General Rose. He is one of our finest generals, enormously admired in Europe and throughout the world, and I have every expectation that he will complete his tour of duty."

Tories split three ways over future of Europe

BY GEORGE BROCK

BRITISH Conservatives in the European Parliament voted three different ways yesterday when MEPs debated a "multi-speed" Europe in the wake of a German suggestions that a small group of states should push ahead to political and economic union ahead of other member nations.

Disarray among the 18 Tory MEPs was provoked by a compromise motion which contained several different visions of a more flexible EU. The motion advocated a Union in which all member states have "equal rights and duties" but also rejected an "à la carte Europe" in which states have the right to opt out of policies they dislike.

One Tory MEP, Sir Jack Stewart-Clark, supported the motion while two colleagues joined the small number of members who voted against it. One of them, Edward McMillan-Scott, said that parts of the motion were clearly hostile to British policy. Other Tories, including the group's two leaders, abstained.

The debate revealed a wide range of opinions hostile to a plan drafted by German Christian Democrat leaders for a "hardcore" of Germany, France and the Benelux countries to go ahead with a deeper union whether or not they had the approval of other EU governments. The issue will come to a head when the Maastricht treaty is reviewed in 1996.

French film epics flounder

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

RARE good news has raised morale among the guardian of the beleaguered French film industry: a home-grown movie has smashed the American onslaught, attracting one third of all cinemagoers in its first week. The bad news is that the blockbuster is not the season's flagship, a Balzac epic starring Gérard Depardieu, but a blood-drenched yarn about a serial killer set in New York and mostly in English.

The success of *Léon*, a Gallic foray into everything the *véritable cinéaste* most loathes about Hollywood, is being hailed by some as proof that France can still beat the Americans at their own game. It also underlines the agony of the democratic world's most subsidised film industry.

In the Culture Ministry's ideal world, the public would not be flocking this week to *Léon*, directed by Luc Besson, but to *Colonel Chabert*, a screen version of Balzac's novel. Directed by Yves Angelo, *Chabert* is the tale of a Napoleonic officer who returns from the dead to cause trouble in post-Restoration France.

In the past year, the list of epic costume dramas has included *Germinal*, *Joan of Arc* and *La Reine Margot*, the tale of the Renaissance French Queen as relayed by Alexandre Dumas. Only *Germinal* has made a decent domestic showing. Dumas was the approximate source for the latest adventure comedy, *La Fille d'Artagnan*. Although starring the much-loved Philippe Noiret and Sophie Marceau, this Three Musketeers sequel has only managed a mediocre performance.



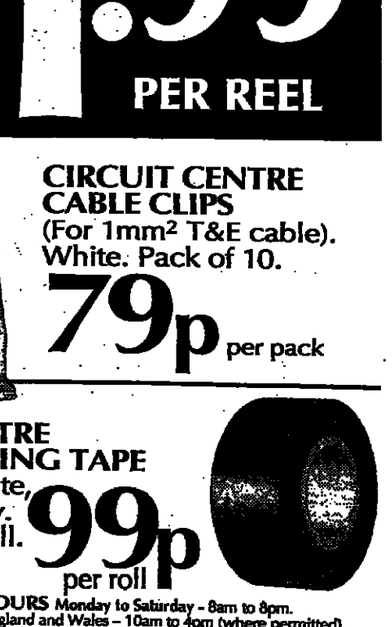
French cinematic decline continues despite new films with Sophie Marceau, left, and Gérard Depardieu

Colonel Chabert has already been damned with faint praise, with *Le Monde* sniffing that the best that could be said of it was that it was "aesthetically correct". *Le Nouvel Economiste* called it "grotesque, soporific and conventional".

In the week that Brigitte Bardot, France's last truly global star, turned 60, the film world has been wondering how to revive a once great industry. A few hits in recent years, among them *Cyrano de Bergerac*, *Les Visiteurs* and *L'Amant*, have failed to halt the collapse. In Germany, French films account for 2.7 per cent of the market compared with 10 per cent a decade ago. In Italy, the figure is 4.2 percent compared with 10.8 in 1983. Even in French-speaking Canada, French films are doing only half the business they did a decade ago.

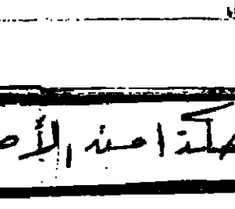
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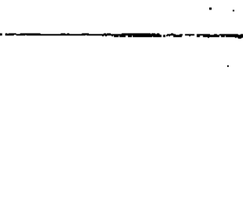




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Informal Yeltsin serenades Clintons at White House state banquet

Friendly summit seals superpower mood of harmony

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton toasted "Boris and Naina". President Yeltsin toasted "Bill and Hillary". Informality was the hallmark of the White House state dinner, with the Russian leader ending up singing with the Yale Russian Chorus as it performed, at his request, his favourite folk song.

Mr Yeltsin rarely feels constrained by the outward pomp and ceremony of these events. At the last summit in Washington in 1992 the Russian President grabbed the woman seated next to him during the White House dinner and, to everyone's delight, performed an impromptu waltz with her around the tables.

On this occasion he arrived with his bow tie badly askew. During the dinner he spontaneously added a toast to Mrs Clinton and to his wife, Naina, saying that he and Mr Clinton were "fortunate to have such wives as we have who help us a lot". But what really inspired him on Tuesday night was the sight of the chorus singing songs in Russian as the 120 guests proceeded into the East Room after eating.

Mr Yeltsin stopped dead, then rushed forward to hug and kiss the startled conductor. He asked the chorus to sing *Kalinka*, a song about a young man dreaming of love. As the guests all clapped in unison, Mr Yeltsin sang along and waved his arms as if conducting. "It's so beautiful," *Mrs Clinton sighed.*

It was an evening of sentiment. Mr Clinton recalled *reading in Mr Yeltsin's autobiography how his father had tried to invent a bricklaying machine to improve his people's lives.* "Mr President, you have realised your father's dreams, and on a scale he never could have imagined ... you have laid the foundation for a democratic Russia."

The soprano Kathleen Battle ended the evening by singing, again at Mr Yeltsin's request, a Russian lullaby, after which the enthusiastic guest leapt on to the stage to kiss her on the hand and cheek. The lullaby, Mr Clinton said, would ensure that the Yeltsins "sleep even better and wake in a sweet humour in the morning for our work".

This was only the Clintons' second state dinner, the first being for Emperor Akihito of Japan last June, but Hillary-watchers, who had expected America's First Lady to put her unmistakable stamp on the evening, were disappointed. Mrs Clinton has been lying low since Whitewater and the collapse of her healthcare plan and she opted for the conventional.

As befits representatives of health-conscious "forty-somethings" the food was more baked and steamed than fried and boiled, but the ginger-marinaded salmon and rack of lamb were fairly orthodox, as was the guest list. Only Steven Spielberg, the Hollywood producer, Jeffrey Katzenberg, the Disney chairman, and the pianist Van Cliburn stood out on a greyish list of politicians, industrialists and journalists. The Clintons were closing a bizarre Cold War episode by dining last night at the new Russian Embassy, on a hill overlooking central Washington, which Mr Yeltsin had opened just a few hours earlier. The huge building was completed in 1985, but the Reagan Administration refused to let Russian diplomats move in because it discovered that its own new embassy in Moscow was riddled with bugging devices. There followed years of disputes over compensation and, what to do with the compromised edifice, which ended only when the Russians offered America a site on more prime land in Moscow.



Naina Yeltsin straightening her husband's bow tie as the Russian First Couple arrive for a state dinner with the Clintons

Presidents fail to agree on ending Bosnia arms ban

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENTS Clinton and Yeltsin were preparing last night to end their two-day summit with a flurry of economic and security accords, but there was still no agreement on US plans to lift the United Nations arms embargo on Bosnian Muslims.

Visiting Capitol Hill yesterday, Mr Yeltsin repeated his continuing strong opposition to such a move despite this week's agreement between America and Bosnia's Muslim government to postpone it until next spring. "Let us wait for six months, and then perhaps we can decide once and for all that this should not be done," said Mr Yeltsin, who believes arming the Muslims would lead to more bloodshed.

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, said the two leaders had agreed only to use the next six months to maximise pressure on the Bosnian Serbs to accept the international peace plan.

That would involve stricter enforcement and expansion of those zones round Muslim enclaves from which Bosnian Serb artillery is barred, tighter economic sanctions and rigid monitoring of Serbia's commitment to cease arming the Bosnian Serbs.

The summit was remarkable for its friendliness. During a visit to a Library of Congress exhibition on Russian links with Alaska Mr Yeltsin said that America and Russia would never again be enemies. Some Russian hardliners believed that "our relationship with the US is transient and that an era of confrontation will return," he said. "But I would like to tell you that we have never fought the US, and I believe and I can say as President of Russia that we will never fight the US. Instead, we would focus on building a world of decency and welfare for both of us."

Yesterday's meetings focused primarily on ways to encourage American trade and investment in Russia to hasten its tentative economic recovery. Mr Yeltsin and Mr Clinton held discussions with several American captains of industry, signed more than $1 billion (£635 million) worth of commercial agreements, and agreed a *Partnership for Economic Progress* document that meets some of the concerns of potential US investors.

Buthelezi says sorry for studio invasion

Pretoria: Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, South Africa's Home Affairs Minister and leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, has apologised for invading a television studio during an interview with a Zulu prince (Michael Hamlyn writes).

The Cabinet yesterday passed a "motion of severe censure" on the Chief, who told a press conference: "I publicly apologise to anyone I had offended during Sunday's incident."

President Mandela said that he wanted Chief Buthelezi to stay in the Cabinet.

Bobbitt jailed

Las Vegas: John Wayne Bobbitt, whose penis was cut off by his wife and then sewn back, has been jailed for 30 days for assaulting his former fiancée. He is starring in a pornographic film. *(Reuter)*

Golan fast

Jerusalem: The campaign to retain Israeli control of the Golan Heights was supported by 500 Israelis who staged a 24-hour fast there with 13 settlers whose hunger strike is into its nineteenth day.

Assault charge

Hong Kong: Three Hong Kong jail guards have been charged with assaulting Vietnamese boat people during an attempted transfer in April of inmates between detention centres. *(Reuter)*

Italian cuts

Rome: Shares rose after the Italian Cabinet completed its austerity budget for 1995 to cut 48,000 billion lire (£20 billion) from the deficit. Trade unions have called a general strike over the plans.

Niger split

Niamey: Mahamadou Issoufou, the Prime Minister of Niger, resigned amid signs that his Niger Party for Democracy and Socialism would leave the governing coalition. *(Reuter)*

Arabic sex talk

Cairo: The Arabic service of BBC radio will break long-standing taboos against frank discussion of sex in the Arab world with a new 20-part series called "About Sex Frankly". *(Reuter)*

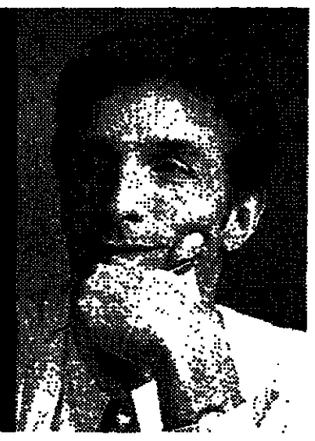
Koalas saved

Sydney: A state of emergency has been declared in much of Queensland, Australia, as strong winds fanned more than 200 fires there and in New South Wales. Firefighters saved a colony of koalas. *(AP)*

Life vest

Zamboanga, Philippines: A fisherman survived four days drifting at sea by eating his underwear and barnacles after his boat was wrecked by huge waves. He was found on a buoy near Indonesia. *(AP)*

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America spies on Aristide enemies

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT Clinton has authorised a $5 million (£3.1 million) operation for the political neutralisation of opponents of Jean Bertrand-Aristide, the exiled President of Haiti who is due to be restored to power in the Caribbean nation on October 15.

American officials said that the movements and communications of the Haitian junta were being monitored continuously. The operation would try to protect pro-Aristide MPs, avert attacks on American servicemen by Haitian military or paramilitary groups, and uncover any coup or assassination plots against the returning President.

According to *The New York Times*, $1 million has been allocated to the CIA specifically for propaganda activities such as funding pro-Aristide newspapers. One official said that the aim was to "create a political climate" that would facilitate Mr Aristide's return and the military's departure.

The Wall Street Journal said US intelligence agents were monitoring telephone calls between Mr Aristide in Washington and his supporters in Haiti to make sure that he is not contradicting in private his public calls for peace and reconciliation. He was elected in 1990, pledging to champion the poor black majority against the lighter-skinned bourgeoisie.

MPs meet to debate amnesty as Haiti descends into chaos

FROM TOM RHODES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

THE Haitian parliament was expected to meet yesterday for the first time in more than a year amid growing fears that America was being dragged further into a conflict it cannot control.

United States forces had set up roadblocks and razor-wire outside the parliament building where a session was to be held for exiled deputies and others, who have been in hiding since Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the elected President, was ousted by a military coup three years ago.

The parliament would debate a number of key issues, most importantly the amnesty law that would forgive members of the Haitian military, police and paramilitary organisations for the numerous brutal crimes committed against the population.

American troops had been ordered to prevent illegal members of parliament from entering the building and some reports said that the CIA had even paid them to stay away. Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras, as commander-in-chief, had been invited but it was uncertain whether he would be prepared to face the large, unruly crowds gathered in expectation.

Few believe that the parliament would offer an all-embracing pardon for those deemed to be state criminals. While Mr Aristide has called for universal calm, many in Haiti think it is only a matter of time before he signals for them to take action. Some political observers believe it is the only influence on Washington that the former Roman Catholic priest is able to exert.

In the meantime, Haiti is descending gradually into a chaos which US forces will be hard-pressed to sidestep. The looting, which has been growing in the provinces, has now spread to Port-au-Prince, where thousands of hungry civilians have broken into warehouses and depots controlled by various humanitarian agencies.

More than 2,000 fought each other for bags of rice and beans from a warehouse run by Salesian priests in the impoverished slum of St Jean Bosco. The American Government yesterday suspended deliveries of aid until the situation was more stable.

There seems little likelihood, however, that there will be an end to the mayhem, which is intended to put pressure on American forces to intervene. At the same time, the Haitian police and military, increasingly scared and angered by the lack of law and order, have said that they will not deal with any disorder and are referring complaints to American commanders.

US officials secretly admit that, while Washington has said its troops will not act as a police force for the Caribbean nation, such action may soon become inevitable.

Trump: marrying rich Italian businessman

Ivana Trump to wed

New York: Living up to her name and reputation, Ivana Trump has trumped herself by agreeing to marry a man almost as rich as her ex-husband, Donald Trump, the property magnate (Ben Macintyre writes).

Riccardo Mazzucchelli, 51, an Italian businessman who owns engineering consultancy companies in Britain, South Africa and Saudi Arabia, gave Mrs Trump, 45, an engagement ring of a flawless oval Burmese sapphire surrounded by heart-shaped diamonds, worth about $1 million (£635,000).

She remains "very good friends" with Mr Trump despite an acrimonious divorce in 1991. He will not be at the wedding next March since this would be "inappropriate", Mrs Trump said. However, she reportedly intends to continue wearing the 10-carat Tiffany yellow diamond he gave her.

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India campaigns to prevent panic as plague spreads

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN SURAT

THE plague has already spread to eight Indian states. More than 1,000 cases are suspected nationwide, 600 in this vile town alone. Most are crammed into the Dickensian gloom of City hospital, a paupers' institution of peeling paint and rusting iron beds. Doctors and nurses are scared: 11 have the plague.

This is the worst outbreak since 1926-27, when the disease roared through Hyderabad and the Deccan. The government last night urged all states to prepare contingency plans and to take steps to prevent panic. Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal are reporting plague. But nowhere is under greater siege, beyond the Gujarati town of Surat, than the huge western state of Maharashtra, which yesterday confirmed 300 new cases of bubonic and pneumonic plague.

State governments throughout India, fearing panic, are trying to display calm and confidence. They say this is not 1927 and the crisis will be over soon, thanks to tetracycline, the antibiotic that half of India has learnt to pronounce. The Delhi city administration said in newspaper advertisements yesterday: "Plague is curable. Don't panic." Two have died in the capital and 21 are under treatment.

The liberal pretensions of Bombay, capital of Maharashtra and epicentre of India's economic hopes, suddenly look absurd. Barely 150 miles to the east, in Beed district, bubonic and pneumonic plague have appeared in the filth of the slums while the business moguls of India's commercial capital count the billions of dollars of foreign investment flowing into a nation with one foot still in the Dark Ages.

The authorities are terrified that plague will touch the festering congregation of tin-roofed huts called Daravi, in the heart of Bombay — probably Asia's biggest slum — a malodorous insult to India's most progressive city. Bombay has 50 million rats — five for every person — and, with many of the poor sleeping in the streets, is a plague timebomb. Rajasthan estimates that more than 40,000 people from plague-infected areas have entered the state; 37 suspected cases have been reported. The state health minister said four people who died of plague had been cremated and an official ban had been placed on taking home the bodies of victims.

> "Bombay has 50 million rats and, with many of the poor sleeping in the streets, is a plague timebomb"

Pneumonic plague is more infectious than bubonic. It takes only one person to spit or sneeze and a roomful of people can be infected. Bombay is spraying DDT and poisonous gas over lorries and cars to kill the rat fleas that pass the plague to humans. There is fear in the city halls and state legislatures everywhere. Punjab, the country's richest state, has issued a red alert and released money to the health department to take preventive steps. Pickets have been set up on all roads into the states; people coming from infected areas are being given tetracycline. Local unions have been urged to tell drivers not to go to dangerous areas.

The Gujarat state government is in disgrace for destroying this year's tourist trade, for bringing international humiliation to India, and for exposing the abominable living conditions of the poor while the economic reforms create a new class of mega-rich. The state administration says the worst is over, which seems a breathtaking platitude. The number of new cases in Surat, certainly, is tapering off, but as many as 500,000 slum dwellers have fled. What is not yet known is the impact of the 110 plague patients who fled City hospital before their treatment was over.

The government in Delhi is importing five tons of the raw material needed for making tetracycline capsules to supplement the national stock of 72 million capsules, and customs duties have been lifted on all anti-plague drugs. No anti-plague vaccine is available in India. Imported Russian "live attenuated" vaccine could not be used because of potentially harsh side-effects and the hunt is on for other varieties.

Rat-bashing has become a national sport outside western India, which reveres the elephant-headed god, Ganesh, who rides on rodents.



A Rome airport official, wearing a mask as part of plague prevention measures, helping Mother Teresa on her arrival from India yesterday

Airport health checks delay Mother Teresa

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MOTHER Teresa fell victim yesterday to the efforts being made to keep pneumonic plague out of Europe which include health checks at Rome airport.

Mother Teresa, 84, and other passengers on an Air India flight from Bombay and Delhi had to wait in the plane on the runway at Rome airport for half an hour. Italian health inspectors boarded to check if anyone appeared sick, and after the 181 passengers were cleared she was the first to descend the steps and be helped to a wheelchair.

☐ The Department of Health in Britain has reiterated its advice to flight crews and immigration staff to be "vigilant" but would not be issuing further guidance. Staff on British Airways and Air India aircraft have been briefed by management to report to ground medical staff information about any passenger who appears ill.

BA said aircraft passengers were not at risk of contracting the plague from fellow travellers. "Cabin air is renewed every three minutes and sophisticated particle filters would take out any bacteria present," a spokeswoman said.

The Foreign Office has amended travel advice to India urging travellers to avoid crowded city areas and "seek prompt medical attention" if they suffer from fever. A spokesman said there was "no cause for concern" in major tourist destinations and the risk of transmission was "believed to be very low".

The director of tourism at India House, S.S. Boparai, said the country had begun to take control of the disease and said "all tourist circuits in India" were "absolutely safe".

☐ Germany this week introduced the most stringent health screening for all passengers arriving from India, where the plague has killed more than 40. All aircraft arriving in the hub airport of Frankfurt are being disinfected and a quarantine centre has been established.

☐ In Paris, Orly and Charles de Gaulle airports have begun to check travellers on direct flights from India.

☐ Hundreds of passengers arriving in Bangladesh by air from India were stopped at Dhaka airport yesterday. Medical staff checked people for plague symptoms. Witnesses said passengers were taken to a makeshift quarantine centre and asked to fill in health forms.

☐ Pakistan cut off rail links with its neighbour to keep out plague.

☐ Lebanon has barred Indians from entering the country, Foreign Ministry officials said.

☐ A Saudi Arabian airline flight from Madras to Riyadh refused to accept Indian passengers because of the plague fears, the Press Trust of India said.

☐ Qatar ordered immediate suspension of all direct flights to and from India.

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Hurd urges UN to help African states set up peace force

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN called on the United Nations yesterday to help African countries meet the growing demand for peacekeeping troops on their continent, after the tardy international response to the genocide in Rwanda.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, proposed a series of "practical steps" to improve Africa's peacekeeping capability in a speech to the 184-nation General Assembly, including the creation of UN equipment stockpiles and training centres.

The British initiative was prompted by the refusal of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) to field its own peacekeeping force in Rwanda, and the inability of African countries to send properly equipped UN peacekeepers there without long delays. It also reflects growing concern about the spreading chaos in Africa and Western countries' increasing reluctance to deploy their own peacekeepers on the continent since the killing of American troops in Somalia last year.

About 40 per cent of the current 77,000 UN peacekeepers are in Africa, and the demand is expected to grow. In the past three years, the organisation has set up peacekeeping missions in Western Sahara, Mozambique, Somalia, Rwanda, Liberia and the Chad-Libya border, in addition to the continuing operation in Angola.

Mr Hurd said that the UN should establish "logistics basing centres" in Africa where peacekeeping equipment could be stored, and should set up mobile teams to help African countries maintain their own equipment.

"These centres will also need headquarters staff to identify and remedy logistic weaknesses, give advice on maps or communications, and advise existing and potential troops contributors," he said.

The Foreign Secretary also called on the UN to help the OAU to develop a stronger capacity for "preventive diplomacy", designed to pre-empt the outbreak of violence, along the lines of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The initiative is sure to win praise from Boutros Boutros Ghali, the first African UN Secretary-General, who has often criticised the "Euro-centrism" of the organisation. Kofi Annan, a Ghanaian, who is the first African to head the UN peacekeeping department, is also said to be strongly in favour of the proposals.

Mr Hurd also rejected the reassertion by President Menem at the UN this week of Argentina's claim to sovereignty over the Falkland Islands. He said that Britain was concerned over the recent addition to the Argentine constitution of a clause claiming the territories.

Hurd: call for training and equipment

Guerrillas move Western hostages

FROM REUTER IN KAMPOT

THE Cambodian army has attacked a mountain base where Khmer Rouge guerrillas have been holding three Western hostages since July, soldiers said yesterday.

Special forces units, supported by multiple-rocket launchers, reached the sprawling village base on Saturday, but were repulsed by the guerrillas, who apparently have moved their captives to caves near by, according to a sergeant wounded in the attack.

Sergeant Ek Manarith, a member of the special forces who was injured in the legs and hand, said that about 6,000 soldiers were taking part in the continuing assault, led by General Pol Saroeun, the Deputy Chief of Staff.

Khmer Rouge guerrillas are holding Mark Slater, 28, of Britain; Jean-Michel Braquet, 27, of France; and David Wilson, 29, from Australia, on Vine Mountain, 90 miles south of Phnom Penh.

The rebels are also holding three ethnic Vietnamese and an unknown number of Cambodians who were seized with the Westerners in a train ambush on July 26, in which 13 people were killed. The hostages were last confirmed alive by a senior army commander a week ago.

☐ **Violent deaths:** A Westminster inquest into the deaths of two Britons, Tina Dominy and Dominic Chappell, and an Australian, Kellie Wilkinson, whose remains were discovered in the Cambodian jungle in June, was told yesterday that their skeletal remains suggested they had been subjected to violence. The inquest was adjourned.

Amnesty puts Indonesia in dock

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BANGKOK

AMNESTY International yesterday launched a campaign against alleged human rights abuses in Indonesia and occupied East Timor, where independence protesters were massacred in 1991. It said that it will use the coming summit in Jakarta of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum, to be attended by President Clinton and other leaders, to press for human rights changes in Indonesia and the Asia-Pacific region.

Pierre Sane, Amnesty's secretary-general, said that arbitrary arrests and torture of suspected dissidents has been routine for years in Indonesia and East Timor, a former Portugese colony where 200,000 people (a third of the population) died after the Indonesian invasion in 1975, but he added in recent months there had been "a dramatic escalation in this kind of official harassment and intimidation".

Mr Sane charged that, in the run-up to mid-November's Apec summit, the government had flooded Jakarta with 15,000 military and police "to clear the streets of political and criminal 'undesirables' in what they call Operation Cleansing". He added that some governments supplied military equipment which could be used in human rights violations. However, not all diplomats in Jakarta agree that the situation, while leaving much room for improvement, especially in East Timor, is as serious as claimed by Amnesty, and some said the organisation was using the Pacific Rim summit to draw attention to Indonesia's record which, they insisted, was not the worst in the region.



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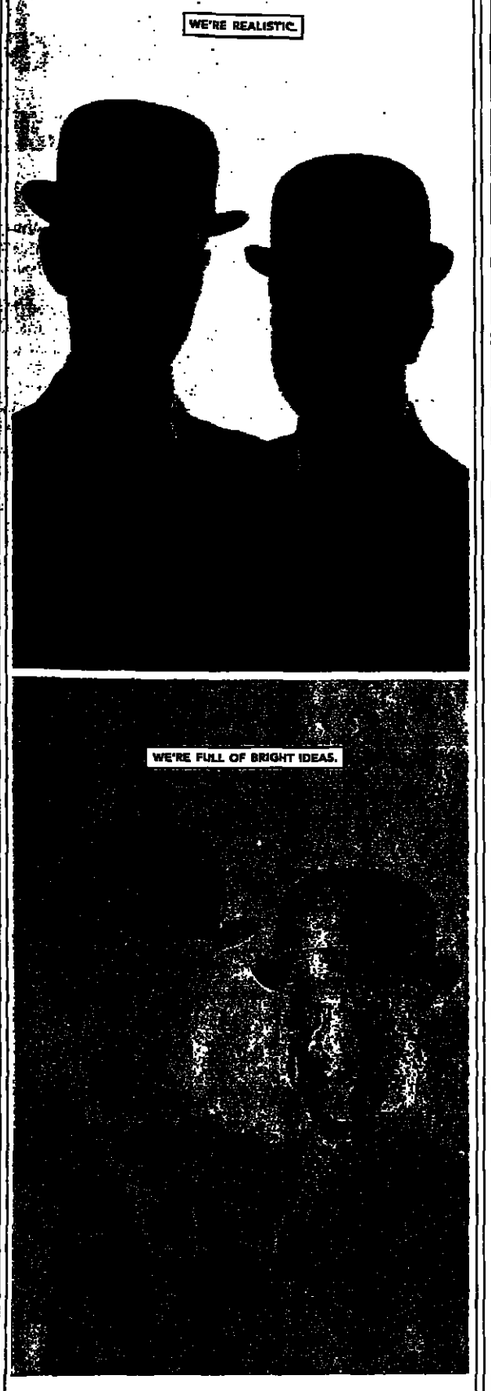
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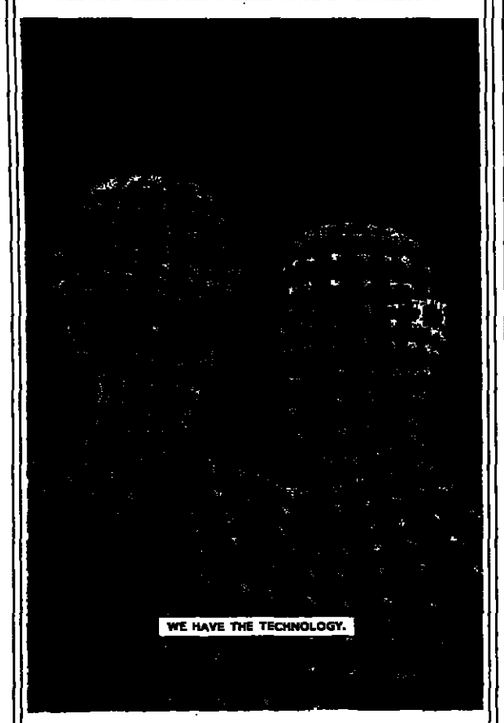
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As a former Beatle promotes his arts academy, **Dalya Alberge** learns some secrets from yesterday



Master McCartney's schooldays — the young Paul, at the age of 11, is pictured fourth from the left with his friends looking at the replica of the crown in Coronation year

Back to school with McCartney

The first thing that hit me when I met Paul McCartney was that, decades after the Beatles entered the history books, and at the age of 52, he is getting younger. That famously boyish face, with those expressively-dewy almond-shaped eyes, has hardly changed.

My excuse for meeting him was that his *Fame*-style performing arts school in Liverpool launched its prospectus yesterday. After four years spent raising £13 million, the school, which is his brainchild, will open next year. I waited for him in his Soho office, a room dominated by a massive abstract by Willem De Kooning, an Art Deco female figure and a Wurlitzer juke-box with songs by the Beatles and Elvis.

Suddenly, the double-doors swing open, and he walked in confidently, stretching out his arm for a firm handshake. Later, he was honest enough to say that he had been feeling nervous beforehand.

I could not help falling for a man who, even after finding fame and fortune, being acclaimed the world over, and having given 1,000 [illegible] views, is not entirely confident. In fact, he is so sensitive that in the past couple of years he has stopped reading articles about himself, he said. Even when his staff reassure him that a piece is glowing, "I know there'll be one sentence . . . that will bring me down". He does get hurt. He mentioned an interview with his wife, Linda, by Bel Mooney, whose editor asked her to "rough it up a bit", and the recent exhibition by the painter Kitaj, "a damned great painter", who spent years creating works which some critics tore apart in a day. "It is some sort of sad reflection on our society," he said.

He talks about himself with the freshness of someone who is doing so for the first time, and says that he still enjoys listening to Beatles' songs (mainly when his son plays them). When he discusses the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (Lipa), there seems to be a deep-felt passion.

So much so, that he revealed that he will take classes himself, teaching songwriting — but teaching by ear. The problem, he explained, is that *songwriting comes so instinctively* and naturally to him, that he is not sure how he does it. "I didn't learn . . . and neither did John Lennon. We taught each other." And yet, he added, with rare candour: "Writing is not as easy as it was together with John. Nor was it easy for him without me. We were such a strong help to each other. I don't know many collaborations that were as good."

He described their working relationship as "[illegible]" as if they were one person. He added that even though he wrote hits like "Yesterday" (said to be the most played record ever) and "Let It Be" on his own, "there was always the thought that John was there if I got stuck".

Improvisation and collaboration (just as the Beatles did it) will be the themes for McCartney's class of '95. What the students will learn from him — beyond the inspiration of being taught by a living legend — is that there is no set way to write. He will tell them that he does not know how it is done; that teaching it is not like learning how to drive a car. But he will let them watch him improvise, and share his "tricks of the trade".

He will get them to select a chord that suits their mood. Any chord. "If A minor comes to mind, I . . . start strumming that and see what mood I am in . . . Then I babble for a while," he said, imitating the half-singing and pretending to strum. "Suddenly you hear a word or two . . . But it's a magic process." Having shown them how, he will then say: "Now you write me one, no matter how simple."



McCartney today, aged 52

He won't insist they follow any particular style, least of all his own. However, if students want to study the Beatles, he will pass on all he knows. In fact, he comments that some of today's hippest young groups, like Blur, are "Beatley".

The minimum entry age for Lipa will be 18. Students' practical performance rather than A Levels will get them a place. "John Lennon never passed an exam in his life . . . Yet he was a very witty guy, a very clever guy. When I worked with him, I could get very turned on. We could write most of those Beatles songs in one afternoon session. Nothing ever took more than three hours." He remembers how they would pop over to each other's homes, try out the slightest idea and see it spark off something special. "I'd say, 'I've a great song. "Eleanor Rigby",' he said, reliving the excitement as he sang the opening bars in the way he did for Lennon.

Only once did they have writer's block — and then only for half an hour. "Drive My Car" started off with the lyrics, "I can give you Golden Rings/ I can Give you [illegible]" He recalled how, "we [illegible] worse and worse, another diddy, another diggie". Suddenly inspiration struck.

Even today, he cannot read music (he developed his own notation, jotting down a note's letter over a word); nor does he have perfect pitch.

But Lipa, he explained, is not going to simply produce stars; not every student will have a burning desire to go on stage. Classes will give as much attention to the behind-the-scenes activities as those under the spotlight. Performers will get the same attention as sound engineers, lighting-technicians, set designers and makeup artists. Without the 140 people backstage on his own world-wide tours, he says, the six people onstage would be lost.

All students, he stressed, will work together — just as they did in the *Fame* television series — bridging the cultural divide between the arts. "The synth-player got together with the dancer who got together with the comedian and they made a little show together." Performers, too, will cross over into other areas. An actor who can sing and dance and play a musical instrument will always be in demand.

That crossover extends to his own interests: for the past ten years, he has thrown himself into painting. He is working towards his first exhibition. It will take place in Germany next year. By staging it there, rather than in Britain, he hopes Paul McCartney the Rock Star will not overshadow Paul McCartney the Painter.

Lipa will be housed in his old school, a high school for boys in an 1825 building which closed in 1986. Peter Sissons, the television journalist, was in McCartney's year, and he presents the cassette that accompanies the prospectus. The building is being renovated, complete with a 500-seat auditorium. As a schoolboy, McCartney performed on its stage, taking the role of a monk in *St Joan*. "I got a little bit of applause as I walked on because I had long hair. It was unusual in those days."

In classrooms, that will soon vibrate with the efforts of tomorrow's pop performers, the young McCartney was, he admits, lazy, played around in class and got beaten by an "enormous teacher" with a plimsoll. It was also there that an English teacher, Alan Durband, cannily picked Chaucer's bawdy *Miller's Tale* to coax a reluctant McCartney into an interest in English. It worked. "I looked at the translation and was hooked."

McCartney and his teacher remained in touch. Durband was involved with starting up Lipa until his death. McCartney, casting his mind back to his schooldays, described it as a great school, but that like most of us, he realised it only after he had left.

There had been no music teaching at school. "They sat us down. Played us a classical music record and the teacher left the classroom. We turned the record off and talked." McCartney the Teacher will not allow that in his class.

How to make a dead donkey run and run

Televison's sharpest satire is back, together with a novel. **Libby Purves** reports on the news from Globelink



SIMON WALKER

Andy Hamilton, centre, co-author of the book and the series, with the Globelink team

It is December 1999 in the Globelink newsroom. It is not made clear whether Simon Jenkins and the Millennium Commission have come up with any good obelisks, but we know that Zhirinovsky rules in Moscow, President Oliver North in Washington and Seb Coe in Downing Street (although proportional representation means the Pensioners' Power Party hold the reins).

There is civil war in Switzerland, army privatisation here; the vogue charity is Mobile Phone Addiction Stress Disorder, every other brand name is Branson's, and on the television in the corner Michael Portillo's daytime chat show is struggling with the topic of period pains.

It is a novel, *Drop the Dead Donkey 2000* (Little Brown, £9.99), about the fictional Globelink characters and the real world, five years on. As a joke it is obvious and brilliant. Five years, after all, is just the right length of time for a modern Jules Verne to forecast. Five years ago, Yugoslavia was a holiday destination and a President Mandela almost unimaginable. So you can do what you like.

On the other hand, the same people will be around: Damien the crack reporter still carries a bullet-riddled teddybear to place in vision during his harrowing war reports, and slimy Gus the manager ("Are we on turbothrust, team? You bet!") is still living alone and playing "Sonic the Hedgehog breaks into top management" on his computer.

Andy Hamilton and Alistair Beaton, who wrote it, spent a happy few days mapping out their millennial world and considering, among other things, whether it is possible to libel a public figure by suggesting what they might get up to in the future. "We're all right," says Alistair. "Twenty years in satire and I've only been done once, a little slip-up over Mrs Onassis."

Meanwhile the new series of *Drop the Dead Donkey* begins tonight, quite separate from this fantasy and firmly grounded in topicality. The programmes are recorded only 24 hours before transmission, and the plots are written with "holes" in to accommodate news. Andy Hamilton, an affable, gnome-like bearded figure in his cramped office at the production company Hat Trick, showed me one. What he and co-writer Guy Jenkin do is to indicate an emotional direction, as here: "Outburst from Henry on day's news, angry." Then they script the outburst at the last minute.

This particular one is not difficult: one of the best characters is Henry the veteran reporter (shades of Sandy Gall, Reginald Bosanquet, Alastair Burnet) serving out his time as a newscaster and fulminating at the young lions. "Paxman, Suchet — when I was their age I was holed up in a Vietnamese bar full of bulletholes, drinking champagne out of a tart's navel . . ." Jokes on grim news can be difficult. "Strangely," says Hamilton, "some of them are fine, valid and justifiable — until you hear the studio audience laugh. Somehow that invalidates them, so they have to be cut." Some laughters, perhaps, have to remain inward.

It was fascination with the characters as much as the comedy which made Hamilton — who had always refused to do books-of-the-series — to leap at the idea of the novel.

"You don't have time to explain their private lives in the programme. How Henry loves his boat, Sally's addiction to lorry-drivers, Gus's dread of death. We know it all and talk about it with the actors. We know just the kind of mother that made Damien such a monster. Exactly like Montgomery's mother, very critical. You can't do good comedy without that hidden emotional template. But in a novel you take it further."

Guy Jenkin was too busy to collaborate on the novel, but agreed that Hamilton should do it with Alistair Beaton, who came fresh from translating *Die Fledermaus* and writing for *Spitting Image*.

"We're all from a collectivist background, so nobody minds. Guy gets a cheque, which is what really makes comedy writers happy." Hamilton should know: in two decades he has written for Les Dawson, the two Ronnies, Dave Allen, Mike and Bernie Winters, the lot. "And no, I wouldn't go back." Because of this, and his affability, it is easy to assume that no very fierce satirical flame burns in him. Beaton thinks this is wrong. "Oh, dear no. Andy is angry. There's a lot of outrage in him. A kind of wide-eyed childish quality, saying: 'Why is that man telling lies?' But anger never works when it's on the surface — you just end up sounding like Ben Elton. You need to make it . . . well, sort of delicious."

Sharp situation comedies are increasingly rare, so rare that some TV executives fail to recognize them (the BBC, having let the writers into their newsroom to research *Drop the Dead Donkey*, then sat on the pilot script for so long it was no longer topical, and so lost it to Channel 4).

And ironically, given Hamilton's enjoyment of his expanded characters, it is the "bitter-sweet" trend towards soft comedy and real feelings in shows like *May to December* which has killed a lot of the laughs.

Put this to Hamilton and a grimace of pain crosses his face. Emotional templates and Montgomery's mother notwithstanding, *Drop the Dead Donkey* is not going that way. "We do not, ever, do American Moments!" he cries. American moments? "You know. When someone says 'Gee, Dad — you were right. I was wrong. It's gonna be different now'. Never change. People don't, usually. That's the comedy, isn't it?"

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How the plague breaks out . . . side-effects of drugs . . . deadly parasite that can damage unborn children

When a cough can kill



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

IN SOME parts of the world, where the climate and environment is right, the plague is endemic. The bacillus, *Yersinia pestis*, survives in its hosts — rodents (especially rats) and their fleas — which live in remote rural areas or in rat-infested slums. In these districts, people only occasionally become infected but even so almost 30 countries have reported sporadic cases of the plague in the past 15 years. Why there should be periodic epidemics, such as the one which has recently hit India, is unknown. The sudden spread of the plague may be triggered by a minor flood, or some man-made change in the environment that has driven the rats, with their bacillus-carrying fleas, into closer contact with humans. Or there may be a sudden increase in the virulence of the bacillus.

Epidemics are not new. The Romans attributed them to the revenge of an insulted god. After the Black Death in the 14th century, the Christian Church came to a similar conclusion, albeit that its message may have been determined by the necessity to contradict the doctors who believed that the pandemic was related to the triple conjunction of Saturn, Jupiter and Mars in the 40th degree of Aquarius.

Although pathologists recognise three main strains of the plague, it is usually labelled according to the part of the body most affected by the bacillus. In bubonic plague, it is the lymph glands which are principally involved. They become enlarged, inflamed and pus-laden and the area around them swells alarmingly. The term "bubo" is derived from the Greek for groin, but despite this, glands other than those in the groin are frequently involved, particularly those in the neck or in the armpits.

In an epidemic of bubonic plague, the disease is spread by contact with the pus as it discharges from the inflammatory mass. When the bacillus initially attacks the lung, or has spread to the lung from a bubo, it is labelled pneumonic plague and is an altogether more dangerous disease as it is spread through infected droplets. In pneumonic plague, a misdirected cough or sneeze may kill those within range within two to five days. In an epidemic, anybody with swollen glands and a temperature, or an unexplained fever, has the plague — unless it is proved otherwise.

Dr Paul Clarke, a tropical-diseases specialist who runs MASTA, the advisory service for travellers, gives straightforward advice. People travelling to India should avoid areas in which there are known cases, or if they must go, should for the time being forgo the excitement of visiting districts famed for their crowded bazaars and narrow streets.

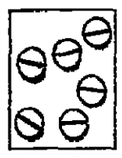
The plague's association with fleas, rats, squalor and crowds means that as long ago as the Black Death there was a class bias — even though the epidemic also claimed the lives of parish clergy, prelates and the daughter of Edward III.

Untreated pneumonic plague kills practically everybody infected, and the death rate in bubonic is up to 50 per cent. In the 14th century, Guy de Chauliac was the only doctor successful at treating the plague. He relied on washing out the lanced bubo with wine. Fortunately, there are now very effective antibiotics, but these are successful only if given at the first hint of trouble; speed is all-important.

Treatment of choice is with six hourly injections of streptomycin or high doses of tetracycline. Chloramphenicol is recommended if there is an associated meningitis. Prophylaxis can be achieved with one gram daily of tetracycline.

● *Travellers to India who want the latest advice should telephone MASTA on 0891 224100. It costs 45p a minute, less at off-peak times. The recommendations are sent back by return of post, first-class.*

Take with care



NEARLY A dozen anti-inflammatory drugs are commonly prescribed in the treatment of arthritis and other joint pains. As more people reach old age the numbers of patients who need treatment to reduce inflammation of the joints and soft tissues, and to relieve pain, is steadily increasing. Fortunately, as demand has risen so has the doctor's choice of drug widened. They no longer have to prescribe the first drug which comes to mind, but now have to balance the likelihood of side effects against the need for pain relief or the reduction of inflammation.

To help doctors make a decision, the Medical Control Agency has released figures on the comparative side-effect rate associated with the various preparations available. Some of these are better at easing pain, others better at dealing with inflammation. Both *Mims Weekly* and *Update* magazine have recently written explanations of the statistics.

The need for the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs is not confined to the older generations: others, too, may have joints and ligament problems. However, it is the older generation, particularly women or those with a history of indigestion, who are most at risk to side effects. Ibuprofen is the safest, but if a patient does not respond to it others will have to be tried.

Fifty per cent of patients taking anti-rheumatic drugs suffer from mild indigestion, in some cases this may be severe enough to lead to peptic ulceration, haemorrhage or perforation. Occasionally there are other serious side-effects — changes in the blood film, skin eruptions, kidney, heart disease or hepatitis. Anyone regularly taking anti-inflammatory drugs therefore needs regular blood tests.

Cat danger

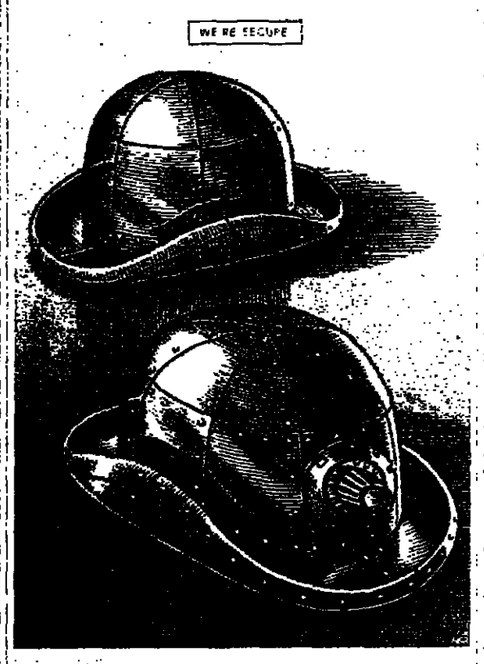


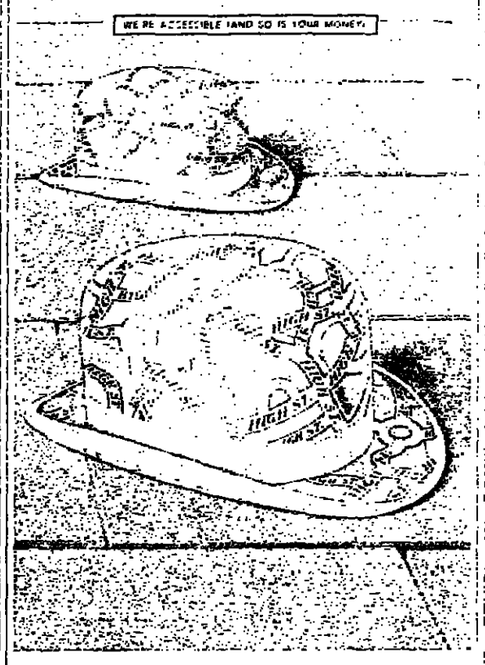
TOXOPLASMOSIS is a disease caused by a small parasite in the blood. It is usually no worse than a mild attack of glandular fever, but in the immuno compromised patient, whether compromised from drug treatment or disease, it can be serious.

In pregnant women an attack of toxoplasmosis can have a disastrous effect on the unborn child. In many cases it causes abortion — in others the baby may be born with gross physical and mental problems, including blindness.

Pulse magazine reports that the Medical Defence Union, which covers doctors' legal insurance, has warned that if a woman asks her doctor for a blood test to check for toxoplasmosis it would be most unwise to refuse it. Doctors, too, should test any pregnant patient with enlarged glands, muscle pains or an irregular low fever for toxoplasmosis.

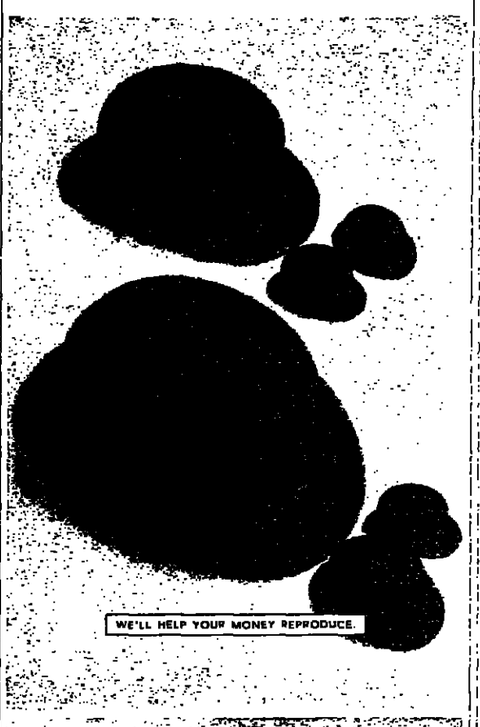
The disease is spread by eating infected under-cooked meat, or contact with cat faeces. If pregnant women are cat lovers they should keep the animal out of the kitchen and wash their hands before eating if they have stroked their pet.





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JULIAN HERBERT



Katie Adams with her mother, Marion: fortunately her mother's bone marrow was compatible with hers, so a transplant could be carried out

Who needs a new gene?

Defective genes detected in unborn babies may be transplanted in future. **Aileen Ballantyne** reports

Expectant parents are today faced with a bewildering array of sophisticated antenatal tests. New "triple marker" blood tests, for instance, which can determine a pregnant woman's own personal mathematical risk of having a Down's syndrome baby far more precisely than age alone — before she decides whether or not to have an amniocentesis — are now available.

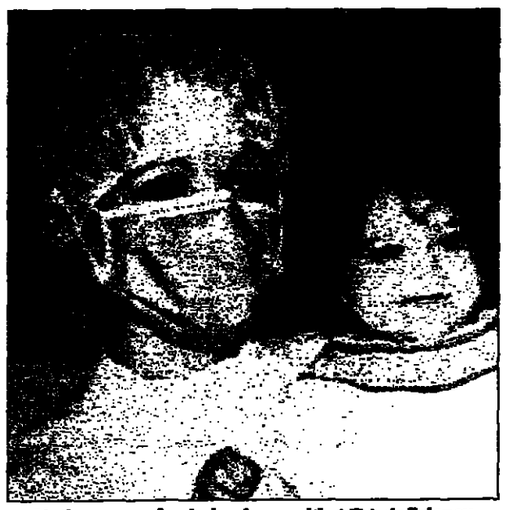
In spite of the reliance placed on Down's testing, the absence of Down's is no guarantee that a child will be born free of a far more serious disorder which could, theoretically at least, have been predicted before birth. Even an extremely common chromosomal disorder like Down's is many times less likely to affect a new-born baby than one of about 4,000 inherited "single gene" disorders, for which no antenatal tests are generally available and which can appear with no warning whatsoever.

These single gene disorders occur as a result of a defect in just one of the estimated 100,000 genes we all carry in every cell of our body. "The chances of having a child born with a single gene disorder are about one in 100 — nearly six times as great as the chance of having a baby with Down's syndrome," says Marcus Pembrey, Professor of Genetics at the Institute of Child Health in London.

Expensive research and development costs of drugs to treat common disorders, such as high cholesterol levels or stomach ulcers, may make sound commercial sense for the pharmaceutical companies on whom all drug development depends. But investing years of effort and money to develop a drug that will be of benefit to perhaps only 40 people in the world does not.

So if someone suffers from a rare genetic disorder, what is the cost of saving his or her life? Katie Adams, of Chichester, is one of the lucky ones. She is now a healthy, athletic 12-year-old whose only legacy of a single gene disorder which virtually wiped out her immune system at birth is that she is slightly small for her age. But one of her doctors, Dr Gareth Morgan, senior lecturer in clinical immunology at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, estimates that the 16 months she spent in hospital cost the NHS up to £200,000. Katie was the first child in Britain to survive the disorder — adenosine deaminase (ADA) deficiency.

Katie survived, not because a drug was developed to treat her, but because she was one of the estimated one in 100 people who happened to be compatible with one of her parents, in this case her mother, for a bone marrow transplant. As a result, Katie has been able to live a normal life.



Katie a year after being born with ADA deficiency

Without a compatible bone marrow donor — an option that is seldom available — the only alternative is regular enzyme injections to replace the substance that ADA deficiency sufferers cannot produce. The cost of such injections — which have to be extracted from hundreds of specially screened animal placentae — amounts to about £100,000 a year for each patient. "Only 45 patients in the world have ever been treated for this drug," says Dr Morgan. "It was a huge economic risk for a drug company to produce it in the first place. For many other such rare disorders, no drug treatment exists at all."

This situation is changing, however. As the international Human Genome Project — which aims to isolate and map all 100,000 genes by the end of this century — nears completion, more and more such diseases could, in theory, be predicted during pregnancy by testing for the presence of defective genes. Already, in some hospitals and GPs' surgeries, expectant parents, or those planning a family, are being offered a simple test which can detect, from a few cells washed from inside the mouth, whether both perfectly healthy parents carry the defective gene for cystic fibrosis, the serious lung disorder.

The manufacture of the body's essential proteins are usually directed by two genes located on the same chromosome, so a defect of just one is usually harmless. One in 20 of the white British population carries one defective cystic fibrosis gene, but it is only if (as with extremely rare single gene disorders such as ADA) that person meets and has a child with another carrier that there is then a high risk that a child will inherit two defective genes, leading to the disease.

The cost-effectiveness argument of screening for cystic fibrosis, where one in 400 couples both carry a defective gene and would benefit from this knowledge, is clear. The cost of testing all couples planning a pregnancy for 4,000 extremely rare single gene disorders, however, would be prohibitive.

The isolation of all such genes will mean two important steps forward: more antenatal information for parents who have already had one affected child, and the possibility of effective, lifelong treatment for all such disorders using gene transplants.

The mechanism of the gene transplant will vary according to the disease, but as each step forward is taken, the "spin-off" technology will benefit all single gene disorders. In cystic fibrosis research, attempts are being made to find a method of permanently transplanting a fully functioning copy of the defective gene into a sufferer's lung. In ADA, the first attempts at gene transplants are already under way.

This involves removing and then putting back a small amount of the patient's own bone marrow cells after they have been genetically altered by inserting a fully functioning copy of the defective gene. The new gene is carried by a disabled retrovirus, which allows the gene to become permanently incorporated into the patient's cells.

A two-year-old girl suffering from ADA in Britain, and eight other ADA patients throughout the world, have already had gene transplants. The transplanted gene persisted for about six months in the British child's bone marrow, Dr Morgan says.

"We believe it will be an effective cure for ADA within the next five or six years," he predicts. "Within the lifetime of many children now being born with a wide variety of single disorders, gene transplants may well offer hope of a real and permanent cure."

● *Further information from the following charities: The Genetic Interest Group (071-430 0090) and The Research Trust for Metabolic Diseases in Children (0270 250221)*

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How I caught the plague

An American vet tells her story

I started feeling as though I had a case of the worst 'flu I had ever experienced. A great deal of nausea, a lot of back pain. Within a few hours my temperature had risen to 105° . . . within six hours of being admitted to hospital I went into respiratory arrest, was put on a respirator and spent the following 11 days in a coma."

This recollection is from someone who has had the plague, but not in Surat. Dr Pam Muhonan, 28, is a vet living in the healthy air of Fort Collins, Colorado. She caught the pneumonic form of bubonic plague in May 1993.

Of all the countries reporting the plague to the World Health Organisation, America has the "largest focus": mostly among wild animals such as prairie dogs. Dr Ken Gage, plague expert for the US Centre for Disease Control, reports that up to 15 Americans catch the plague each year.

Dr Muhonan says: "A client brought in a half-wild cat which was very ill. In the course of examining it, I looked into its mouth. What we all learnt later was that the cat was infected with the pneumonic plague and I inhaled the plague organism along with the cat's breath."

Of course, Dr Muhonan remembers nothing of her 11 days in a coma. Her doctor, Judith Anderson, says: "Not only was there a potential for Pam to die but there was a potential for everyone who came into contact with her to contract the disease. I was alarmed, to put it mildly. There were about 93 hospital employees who had close exposure to her . . . and she had two small children, her husband, her family, her church members. All had been exposed to her . . . all I can say is that you know what you're doing and you do it and then, when it was all over, I sat down and started shaking."

The medical teams treating Dr Muhonan gulped down tetracycline every six hours and kept their fingers crossed.

Dr Muhonan says: "I remember awakening after being on the ventilator knowing I had had plague. I just feel I have been touched by the hand of God. I was incredibly fortunate and blessed to have excellent medical care. When I came out of hospital I had lost a great deal of weight and I had to learn to walk again. I had to learn to breathe normally again. I was very, very weak. I had a prolonged period of learning to do the routine things of life, such as climbing the stairs. At times it's overwhelming to think that at a very young age, not only could I have been dead but I could have killed my children and my husband and never known it."

JOHN HOSKEN

Janet Daley



■ Paternity leave is part of a drive to make men more like women. But fathers have a different role

Virginia Bottomley has announced that Britain still needs traditional families. What a bizarre thing for a Cabinet minister to say. But she is not just making a fatuous statement of the obvious: she is repositioning herself in the political spectrum. "Traditional family" has become a liberal boo phrase, code for a package of what are seen as right-wing prejudices against (roar of applause) "alternative lifestyles". The question left unanswered by both sides is, what is it about traditional family life that is so attractive to the one and so inimical to the other?

That question comes into sharp focus when we look at this week's furore about paternity leave. An all-party group (not an official parliamentary committee) put itself on the record as approving a proposal that fathers have, as a legal right, three months leave from work when their children are born.

Less widely publicised — but very much in the same spirit — was their recommendation that at school all children should have "relationship education" designed to help them understand and communicate their emotional needs. It does not take much imagination to guess that this training is aimed primarily at boys, since girls, from adolescence onwards, devote most of their waking time to meditating upon and communicating their emotional needs.

These two policies represent as much of an onslaught on the idea of the traditional family as any of the tax disadvantages the Chancellor has managed to devise. They are classic examples of utopian social engineering, attempting to legislate for the world as you would like it to be and so wishing into being a new order. And what is it that is being wished into existence? A world in which, to put it bluntly, men are demasculinised. Even as I write the words, the feminist cry rings in my ears: a jolly good thing, too. It is men, says the sisterly chorus, who have all but destroyed the world with their grotesque bellicosity and stunted emotions.

Whether or not you share this view, there can be no denying that the great day has not yet arrived when having a man around the house as well as a new baby would be an unalloyed joy to most women.

In the days when a real family culture prevailed and women had mothers, sisters and aunts close by, it was the prevailing wisdom that men were best out of the way after a birth. And there was a reason for this which has not changed, and which has nothing to do with glib Marxist claptrap about male economic power. The female freemasonry which surrounded a new mother could understand — and support — the ferocity of her emotional experience. There is a primeval force about the bond that forms between a woman and her baby which is — understandably — disturbing to the man who loves that woman, however thrilled he is with his new progeny.

Which is why it is naïve to think that most men would actually use such a three-month period to bond happily with their newborn babies. There would be moments of tender discovery, of course, and some physical respite for an exhausted woman. But there would also be conflicting emotional demands and bewildered sulking. And there would be those men who would escape to the golf course, the pub or the garden shed, cruelly deprived of the normalising environment of work at an emotionally deranging time.

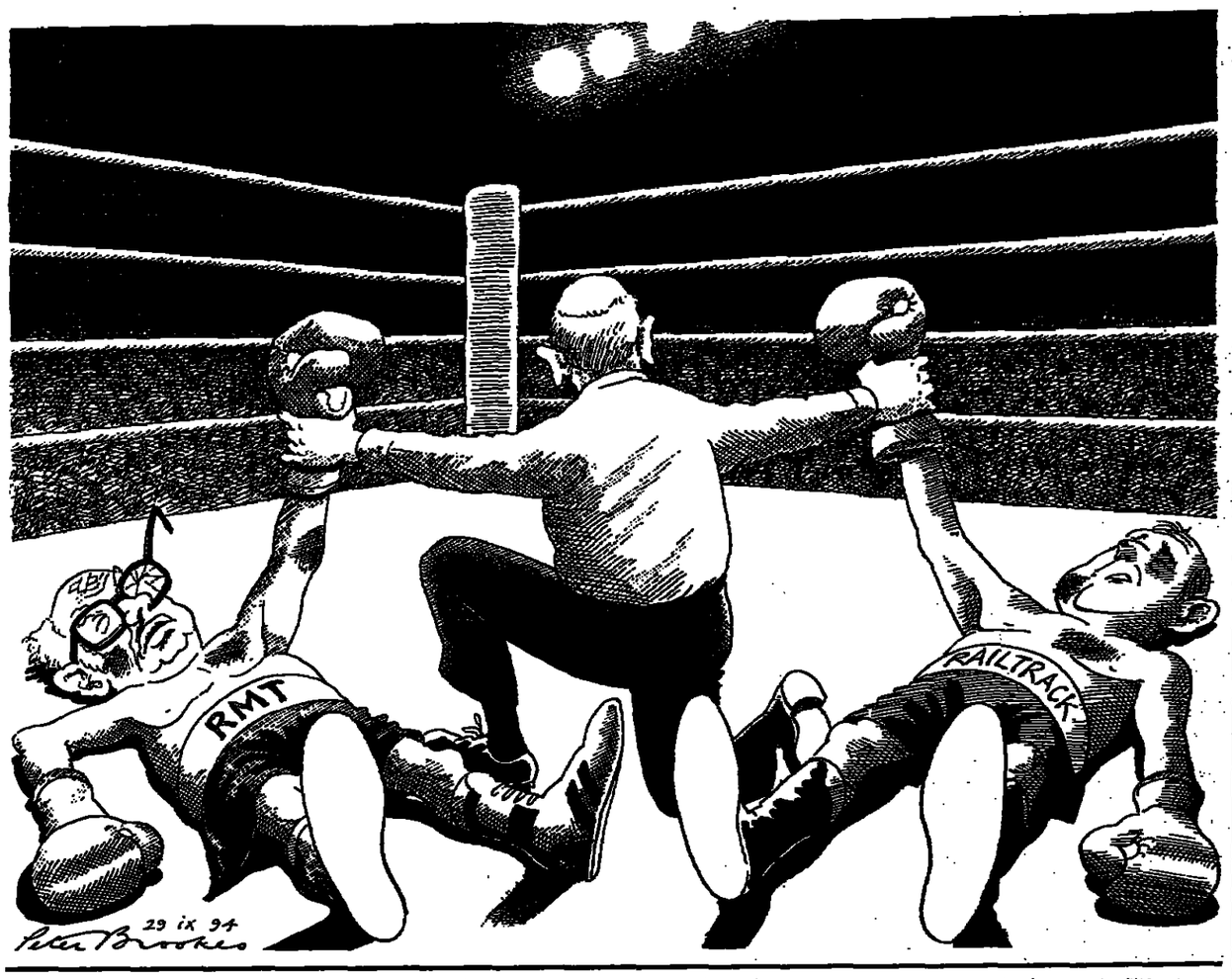
But why encourage men to withdraw from this emotional truth, ask the feminists. They should be more in touch with their positive feelings, learning to nurture rather than destroy — blah blah. But the emotional restraint of men serves a purpose in the rearing of children. The distance that (most) fathers have from their children helps to balance the intense symbiotic relationship that children have with their mothers. Not only is this psychologically healthy, but physically it can be vital.

> Many men now feel they are the superfluous sex

When a child is sick or injured, a mother's emotional involvement in his suffering can incapacitate her. Not because women are hysterical, but because they are empathetic: able, almost literally, to feel their children's pain. A father can continue to function in an emergency precisely because he is able to suppress his emotions.

The group of MPs argues that it would *increase men's self-respect* if they were helped to be more effective family members. But asking fathers to be more like mothers is more likely to undermine their self-esteem, because few men will be as good at mothering as most women. And the unique contribution that they might have made as "traditional" fathers will have been discredited. In a generation in which war became unthinkable, the masculine virtues were bound to be devalued. Much better to teach men to be surrogate women and extinguish the hard-hearted hero forever.

So men have lost any legitimate arena in which to exercise their strengths, and male children are growing up convinced that, as a sex, they are at best superfluous and at worst dangerous.



The invincible Frasers

Despite the Master of Lovat's bad judgment, the clan will fight back

William Rees-Mogg

The heavy losses and debts in Simon Fraser's estate are evidence of the failure of a mission. He tried to find new sources of income for a large and ancient highland estate which could not be profitable on its own. He chose, out of loyalty, to make most of his new investments in Scotland itself, where the investment opportunities were relatively narrow. He was probably not a good judge of investments, nor presumably a good businessman. Yet what he was trying to do was not for himself, but for future generations, and he may have died feeling that he had let them down.

I only met Simon Fraser once, at a grand London party, some years ago. He talked of his new projects and investments, including his now defunct Lovat Mineral Water company; he spoke also of his Canadian interests, and showed a remarkable knowledge of genetic engineering, which could easily itself have appeared in his list of failed investments. I have seldom met a man who talked so interestingly about so wide a variety of subjects. We agreed to meet again, but never did; now we never shall, unless it be in the next world, where he will be explaining the potential of genetically engineered salmon to St Peter, who will find it all very confusing, and St Paul, who will understand it in the twinkling of an eye.

The Frasers are an extraordinary and on the whole an admirable family; they seem to have a special Celtic family gene. Frasers are intelligent, hospitable, spirituel and reckless gamblers; they are sinful but repentant, cunning, melancholy, absurdly courageous, loyal, friendly, charming, vulnerable, unsound in their judgment of human affairs, warm-hearted and good conversationalists; honest in the old Highland style, and survivors. They become entranced by noble schemes. They have a dark shadow in their souls, but appear to be close to God.

The family seem to have been like this, though with the Highland cunning rather more emphasised, for many centuries. They have certainly suffered disasters before. An earlier Simon Fraser was taken after the 1745 rebellion, tried before his peers in the Lords and beheaded in the Tower. Contemporaries were impressed equally by his dignity — an old man on trial for his life — and by the fox-like cunning he had used to thread his way through clan politics. He too was dazzled by a great scheme, far greater than oil companies and mineral water: the scheme to put the Stuarts back on the throne. Unfortunately, Bonnie Prince Charlie was not up to it, though he came much closer than might have been expected.

The Fraser I knew best was Hugh, a rising Conservative MP after the Second World War, in which he had been a gallant officer. He married the Oxford beauty of her generation, Antonia Pakenham; the sturdy mix of literature, rugby football and Birmingham Chamberlainism which enlivens the Pakenhams blended well with the Highland fugue of the Frasers to produce a large and fascinating family. Hugh had the Fraser temperament. He was not, I think, as intelligent as his nephew Simon, but he had all the Fraser courage and the desire to enter into romantic schemes.

Harold Macmillan was always impressed by Hugh Fraser. Macmillan admired qualities like his own, and he too had been a courageous officer in the First World War, and had a rather more worldly form of the Celtic melancholy. He also admired Hugh as the descendant of clan chieftains who had made such a mark in the often bloody history of Scotland. Hugh Fraser never rose very far in politics; he became a minister of some sort, but never reached the Cabinet. In the 18th century, Lord North would have put him in his Cabinet — Hugh might have made a notable contribution to the loss of America — but he was not the sort of disastrous practical man who appealed most strongly to Ted Heath.

Hugh Fraser's finest hour came in 1975 when he decided to stand in the first ballot for the Conservative Party leadership. Margaret Thatcher has often, and rightly, been praised for her courage in standing against Ted Heath. Hugh Fraser had the same courage. He did not expect to be elected; we gave him half a cheer in *The Times* and he received a respectable sympathy vote. He would not have made a good leader of a modern political party: people would not have understood what he was about. The IRA, who are themselves a debased Celtic tribe, understood well enough; they made a serious attempt to kill him, and succeeded in killing by mistake a neighbour, a distinguished young cancer specialist.

There is at least one Fraser still active in politics: Tessa Keswick, Simon's sister and Hugh's niece. She has the standard Fraser characteristics: charm, courage, a certain cunning, sadness and high-spirit. She has chosen Kenneth Clarke, as her ancestor chose Bonnie Prince Charlie; in the hope that with a Fraser as his political assistant he can be brought to power. By any standards Kenneth Clarke is a better man than Bonnie Prince Charlie, but if he reaches No 10 he will be exceptional among the horses the Frasers have fancied; they usually go lame well before they have reached Tattenham Corner, let alone the winning post. Yet, with no particular admiration for Kenneth Clarke's policy intentions, I would take great pleasure in seeing a Fraser for once in the unsaddling enclosure, rather than tearing up yet another betting slip.

Simon Fraser was very interested in genetics, as well he might have been. One fascination of old and well-recorded families is that one can see the genes which have prevailed, often in physical form. King Charles I's Queen Henrietta Maria was a Medici on her mother's side and had her mother's looks. The present-day Waldegrave family are among her descendants, and seven of the present generation would pass as her brothers or sisters, though there are ten generations or more in between. Velasquez painted the deformed Habsburg jaw in generation after generation. In the Frasers there is the historic survival of a strange complex of temperament, no doubt reinforced by the family culture but seeming to be passed on by inheritance.

Embedded in their temperament is something which usually defeats them. They have built their castles in the air and are now in danger of losing their castle on the ground. Simon Fraser seems to have been an unusually bad businessman, with vast sums lost and vast debts incurred. It is as though the Frasers have second sight, but a second sight which gets things almost consistently wrong. Perhaps they were once well adapted to their environment — how else would they have come to own 50,000 acres of Scotland? — but the environment has changed too greatly. Perhaps if Merlin himself were to return to life, as some of the Celtic legends promise, he would be cleaned out by a stockbroker from the Vancouver exchange.

If so, this is something of a tragedy for the world, perhaps more of a tragedy for the world than for the Frasers. They have survived the *Sturm und Drang* of tribal warfare since the Dark Ages; they have survived Picts, Danes, Normans, and Hanoverians. They will no doubt survive the 20th century, unsuited though they are to it. Yet the world, which seems to make so little of their qualities, needs such qualities and always will need them.

There is never enough courage in the world, particularly not enough romantic courage. I cannot understand why the Frasers were not wiped out fighting duels, since the duel must have been extraordinarily attractive to them, given its associations with beautiful women, honour, laughter at midnight and playing for stakes one cannot afford. The world never has enough cunning, in the sense that the old wizards or Homer's Odysseus were cunning. We need people with the glass of magic to see round corners.

Above all, the world needs the spiritual sense which is the surest sign of the true Celtic temperament. I do not know how many ghosts, faeries, goblins or second sighted Highlanders have attended the Fraser family. They have a profound Roman Catholicism, somewhat overlaid by the difficulty they have found in leading austere personal lives. Their Highland sadness, from which champagne and danger help to rescue them, is itself a spiritual quality. The world of the next century will still depend on those people in whom the spirit is visible. If one Simon Fraser loses his head, or another loses his acres, it will not bring this family to an end.

Who won the rail strike?

Philip Bassett argues that the Government lost on points

John Monks, the TUC's general secretary, called it a "thoroughly modern strike". But in the end, a very traditional industrial dispute ended in a very traditional way.

As dawn broke yesterday over the offices of the conciliation service Acas, railway union and management leaders emerged bleary-eyed into the camera arc-lights to announce that a deal was done and the signalworkers' strikes were off. Even the fish 'n' chips were textbook traditional.

In an industrial dispute, the side that says "there were no winners or losers" — as Railtrack did yesterday — is usually the loser.

For state-owned Railtrack the dispute has been an appalling start. The attempt to introduce private-sector methods into public service operations led inevitably to a bloody clash and then to a wounded compromise. The position was made worse back in July by the crass intervention of ministers who vetoed an informal pay offer of 5.7 per cent, causing the escalation of a minor dispute into a major political and industrial confrontation.

Railtrack consistently mishandled its case, particularly in terms of public relations, and its aggressive chairman, Robert Horton, was repeatedly left looking foolish. Railtrack tried to crack the strike, and failed. The union stayed solid. Yet the strikes were increasingly failing to stop the business, because Railtrack and British Rail were able to run more and more services on strike days.

After a few months of stoppages, mainline stations looked normal on strike days, with full indicator boards and passengers rushing around. As a topical BBC radio joke put it, "Potential disruption to British Rail's services was averted yesterday when the RMT called another strike."

For all the calls from some union leaders for passengers not to travel on "scab" trains, the breakdown of traditional union solidarity — ground down by the Government's employment laws — could not have been better illustrated than by the fact that every strike-breaking train was driven by an Aslef driver and carried an RMT guard. The strike was an isolated one. It seemed to take place in a bubble. Consequently, its end seems to have little significance for the Government's public-sector pay policy.

Business and industry suffered financially. So did BR and Railtrack, though probably much less than was claimed at first. One of the key strategies in strikes is for each side to lie a great deal about how much it is being hurt by the other. Even yesterday Railtrack was backing away from its original claim that the strikes cost it £6 million per day.

Clearly, the strikers have lost a good deal in pay, but the combined lump-sum payments arising out of the final deal will take many of them close to what they have lost in the 19 days of strikes — an average of about £1,200.

The Government made none of the political capital out of the strike that it might have anticipated for. The public continued to support the signallers, and placed the blame for the strikes squarely with ministers and management, rather than the strikers. Labour's Tony Blair adroitly turned the strikes to his advantage, though he will be relieved that the party conference in Blackpool next week will not be embarrassing him with calls for unequivocal support.

The dispute cruelly exposed how economically and operationally unimportant railways now are in Britain. Most people do not go on trains, and fewer still will in future: temporary travel arrangements have for many become permanent. So BR's business will have been permanently damaged.

The flexing of union muscle may also have consequences for the planned privatisation of the railways. Many rail managers privately acknowledge that potential investors will be unnerved by the greater-than-expected part that traditional practices — including union deals — look like playing in railway management. But the dispute also showed how irrelevant are the so-called radical solutions favoured by the political right, such as sacking all the strikers and re-employing them on individual contracts, or reducing staff levels on the ground that the strike has shown that the railway can be run with fewer people, at least for a few days a week. But such radical solutions were never realistic. These, like the calls for the Government to ban strikes in "essential" services, will now quietly fade from the memory.

Traditional solutions triumphed. Acas officials brokered the traditional deal, again proving its value as an industrial longstop. Both sides got the traditional concessions from the settlement, though Railtrack probably got a good deal more.

The signalworkers' strike was a dispute that ran off the rails, but now at least the trains are back on track.

Digitisation

IT IS THE talk of Greendale, the fictional village where the world's best-known postie and his black and white cat do their rounds. Postman Pat has fallen victim to political correctness and is facing radical surgery.

The problem has arisen over negotiations to sell the rights to his tales in the Japanese market. I understand that Japanese parents will not take kindly to the fact that Pat has just three fingers and a thumb on each hand. This is taken to be a sign of membership of a mafia-style gang.

Scholastic Children's Books, which holds the rights to Postman Pat, refuses to comment on such a delicate matter. But it is understood to be in negotiations with the Japanese, and is being forced to overcome the digital challenge by adding another finger.

A Japanese specialist from Christie's oriental department confirms that a problem could, indeed, exist. "The initiation rites of the Yakuza, the Japanese mafia, include the amputation of the little finger. Former members are even having toes grafted on to their hands to try to disguise the fact that they once belonged."

Postman Pat is not, of course, a lone victim of political correctness. Only this week, it was reported that the television version of *Thomas the Tank Engine* is to gain "gender balance" with the introduction of Mavis, a new and powerful locomotive. Postmistress Patricia is not yet with us, but Postman Pat will have five digits in Japanese bookshops in the new year.



DIARY

● *It seems that Scottish heather is not good enough for the VIP hospitality centre at next week's Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews, Fife. Tables will be decorated with sprigs driven up for the event from a flower stall in Nine Elms in south London.*

Missing letter

NO RISKS are being taken with car registration numbers, now that the IRA has declared its cease-fire. Northern Ireland's Driver and Vehicle Registration Centre has decided to jump the letter K for numberplates in County Fermanagh.

Fermanagh plates can be identified currently by the letters JIL. But in four weeks, the J series will have run its course and all new plates will bear the letters LIL. "It was simply thought it would not be very sensitive to have people driving around with KIL on their number plates," explains an official.

First force

MALCOLM RIFKIND is to be the first British Defence Secretary to visit Israel in an official capacity. He will deliver the annual Balfour lecture in Tel Aviv, commemorating the Balfour Declaration of 1917 which established the right of Israel to exist as a state, and the concept of a home for the Jews in Palestine. Rifkind's office will say simply that he is visiting as a "prominent British politician". But speaking with him will be Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

In Mr Rifkind's retinue will be his independent adviser, the property tycoon and writer David Hart. The visit will provide Hart with another opportunity to inspect the Israeli air force at close range. His comments 18 months ago that the RAF compared most unfavorably with its Israeli counterpart made their mark in Rifkind's defence review this summer.

● *The Duke of Hamilton's brother, Lord Patrick Douglas-Hamilton, convicted of drink-driving and banned for ten years on Monday, has produced a pictorial travel guide* — Scotland: The Land and the Whisky.

Frankly...

THAT perennial free spirit Lord Longford may display a touching benevolence towards Tony Blair, but he intends to steer clear of Blackpool's gathering of the comrades this weekend. "No, I will not be going to the Labour conference," barked the Labour peer as he held court in the Groucho Club (hardly his usual patch) at the launch of *Life of the Party*, Christopher Ogden's *risqué* biography of Pamela Harriman, Churchill's daughter-in-law.

"But I will go to the Tory party conference instead, as a representative of the *Catholic Herald*," he declared. "I want to hear Michael Howard and the law and order debate — to find out what else he's going to come up with." With which he returned to grazing on *canapés*.

Legal, but

JUDGES may now be able to advertise, but the Law Society will take a dim view if they follow the example set by a Yorkshire solicitor, whose latest hoarding is the talk of Bradford. The huge poster outside Aurangzeb Iqbal's practice features a lookalike of the Princess of Wales, posing with a phone and the slogan "We're only a phone call away".



Iqbal's previous hoarding carried his name and the slogan "Kama Sutra — we'll defend you in difficult positions". The Bradford Law Society is incandescent. "Solicitors did not seek the right to advertise simply to shock or to offend the royal family and the public. First we had sex, now the royal family. Whatever next?"

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DEATH AT SEA

Investigators must ask: governments must act

If a ferry takes 45 minutes to evacuate, should it be able to sink in five minutes? That is the enduring question in the aftermath of the sinking of the *Estonia*, with the loss of more than 800 people, yesterday. The disaster, in the cold waters off the Finnish coast, is the worst in the Baltic since the Second World War. It may have taken more lives than any other accident ever to have occurred in Western Europe. For small countries such as Sweden and Estonia the scale of the human tragedy is enormous: the drowning of 340 Estonians, is, in proportional terms, equivalent to the death of around 13,000 people in Britain. No inquiry can mitigate the loss, no comfort can alleviate the agony of relatives imagining their loved ones' final moments of terror. But the central question for the maritime community and its customers remains.

In the seven years since the *Herald of Free Enterprise* capsized off Zeebrugge, engineers have looked closely at the design faults that made "roll-on roll-off" — RoRo — ferries so vulnerable. New ships have to meet rigorous new criteria. Britain has enforced dozens of stringent new safety measures on all ferries calling at British ports, including the use of alarms and video cameras to ensure that the inner doors are properly sealed. Few other countries have followed suit.

The International Maritime Organisation is fully aware of the need for tighter safety. A Safety of Life at Sea conference in 1990 drew up a code to guarantee that a ship can remain upright in the water for at least 45 minutes after a collision. The oldest and least secure ships must comply with these new standards by this Saturday; others must make any necessary adaptations by 2004. In addition the maritime administrations of most seafaring nations in Western Europe, including Britain and Sweden, agreed in 1993 to begin applying higher standards of ferry survivability.

At this point, there is only speculation based on the accounts of survivors about the cause of yesterday's disaster. The ship had not been refitted to comply with new standards. Finnish trade unions allege that the Estonians were trying to win more custom by undercutting prices and skimping on routine safety. Only a day before the ferry's final voyage, it is claimed, Swedish inspectors found that the seals on the doors were faulty. There are suggestions that the inner doors — the vital bulkhead keeping out the sea — were not properly closed. Human failure on this scale would guarantee catastrophe in a storm: once the sea breaks in, the huge rush of water would destabilise a ship within minutes. The speed with which the *Estonia* listed and sank suggests that this is indeed what happened.

More than 4,500 RoRo ships are now in daily use, many of them in the Baltic where they routinely have to cope with appalling weather conditions. For all man's hubris in developing technology to withstand the onslaught of nature, no skipper operating in the treacherous northern waters off Scandinavia can afford complacency. No law can ever legislate for stupidity, sloppiness or criminal negligence. But the international inquiry, which must inevitably follow a tragedy on this scale, should put pressure on all countries into adopting the most rigid standards for these inherently unstable vessels.

THE YES GENERATION

Today's young have a more exciting life than the young of old

"Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive, But to be young was very heaven!" As Wordsworth stood to the French Revolution, so the people of Britain between the ages of 18 and 34 seem to stand to today's great events. A report by Helen Wilkinson, reported in *The Times* yesterday and published today by Demos, finds that the young are strikingly more optimistic today than members of the same age group were 20 years ago. With the end of the Cold War, the dismantling of class barriers and the overdue recognition of the talents of young people by employers, the angst being suffered by their elders seems to have passed them by.

The lessons of the Thatcher revolution have been well learnt: the young confess themselves individualistic, self-reliant, confident and optimistic about the future. They may strongly reject the social Thatcher values: rigid moral codes, deference to authority, parochialism, puritanism and thrift. But they are internationalist, directed and fond of risk. They set little store by financial security, are confident of their ability to deal with the unexpected, and believe that there should be no fixed roles for men and women.

This generation may yet become deeply disillusioned. But it is well equipped for the world it faces. People under 40 cannot expect the welfare state to provide the old cradle-to-grave embrace. Employers too will be less paternalistic, and lifetime employment will be a quaint anachronism by the time today's young people retire. Self-reliance and independence will be the very qualities needed by the young who will have to plan their own careers, save for their own pensions, organise their own education and training, and negotiate their own employment contracts. Those who are good at looking after their own interests will probably have a more exciting life than their parents; for those who fail, the world could feel frighteningly insecure.

The opportunities are tremendous for those equipped to seize them. Employers are much less likely now to patronise their trainees, expecting them to tolerate dull jobs for their first few years and then to inch their way up a hierarchy. Competitive pressures have ensured that organisations promote their able young workers faster and give them responsibility at an earlier age; that is a boon both to the employer, which used to waste this talent, and to the employee, who has a more interesting time. Young women, at least until they have children, suffer little discrimination; in some cases they are treated better than men. And the growing acceptance of meritocratic principles means that class is more rarely a barrier to achievement either.

Neither war nor the explicit threat of it menaces Britain and its neighbours. The opportunities for this internationalist generation to travel and to work in different countries are greater than for any of their forebears. British companies have more foreign subsidiaries; the single market offers the chance for young people to settle and work abroad. The new democracies of Eastern Europe are also open for business.

Will members of this generation become disillusioned as they age? Although they are likely to become more family-minded as they have children of their own, they are unlikely to lose their attachment to women's equality, nor their individualism. Some, however, will fail to fulfil their potential, and it is not clear whether their resentment will be directed at themselves or at politicians.

Already the young are very cynical about those who govern them. Voter turnout — at just 55 per cent for the under-25s — was a good 20 points below the average in the last general election. There are potentially millions of votes to be wooed then, but the question for politicians is whether these people can be won back, or are lost to politics. As Britain becomes more like America — socially fluid, individualistic, meritocratic — perhaps political apathy will follow across the Atlantic too. But if political parties work with the values of today's 18-34s, they will help both democracy and their own best interests.

FRENCH SCREEN IDLE

A few thoughts for our noisy neighbours

The Paris equivalent of our own Chatham House, the French Institute for International Relations (IFRI), has chosen to publish a report attacking Britain for suffering a crisis of identity. Would it be unkind to suggest that the French governing class is diverting attention from some ringing recent blows to its own collective *egoisme*?

First, came the farcical attempt by Jacques Toubon, the Culture Minister, to preserve the language of Racine by banning all Anglicisms. Secondly, Gérard Longuet, the Industry Minister, joined the long list of politicians to be investigated for financial impropriety. True, peculation has not yet reached Italian proportions. But the smell of corruption about French political life, and President Mitterrand's entourage in particular, should have given IFRI pause for thought before condemning the British for the mild transgressions of political infighting and love of sex scandal.

The massively subsidised French film industry is consistently producing unpopular films. The one home-grown movie able to compete with Hollywood this year, *Léon*, has been set in New York and its dialogue is mainly in English. Meanwhile yet another creaky, complacent costume drama starring the inevitable, shambling Gérard Depardieu has become, in the language of the great Hollywood enemy, "*un dindon*" or turkey.

Surprise, surprise, it seems that giving large sums of taxpayers' money away to a bunch of self-indulgent directors and their cronies has resulted in self-indulgent films.

The paralysis of the French film industry is hardly a matter for rejoicing in Britain. We are a broad-minded people who have no cause to fear excellence in culture from France, the United States or any other nation. Indeed free trade in ideas should be the handmaiden of free trade in goods and services. Cinemagoers in this country have for generations gone misty-eyed over romantic masterpieces like Carné's *Les Enfants du Paradis* and enjoyed the *oeuvre* of Renoir. Others have rejoiced in the freedoms of New Wave cinema or delighted in the sweet-sad autobiographical works of Truffaut and admired the French adaptation of the American *noir* detective fiction to celluloid. One cannot but salute Luc Honorez, normally a booster for the French film industry, for spilling *les flageolets*: "It's the whole French state of mind that is wrong...the great directors, actors, directors of photography and screen writers are victims of a general atmosphere which mixes self-satisfaction with whining."

As in art, so in politics. We recommend M Honorez's thesis to IFRI when it next dissects the character and temperament of the French governing class.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The value of youth projects in keeping down crime

From the General Secretary, Association of Chief Officers of Probation

Sir, To dismiss constructive work with young people at risk of becoming offenders because it is felt that there is inadequate hard evidence of its efficacy is all well and good. To use this axiom, no evidence — no money, arbitrarily is rather more difficult to swallow ("Howard rejects calls for extra youth spending", September 27).

Proposals for privately operated secure training centres, contained in the *Criminal Justice Bill*, seem to be the Home Office's exception to this rule. So far an expenditure of £30 million per year has been identified for this programme to fund a mere 270 places (excluding the construction costs which will be greater still).

I have today visited the training school for young offenders aged between 12 and 15 years old in Northern Ireland, Lisnevin. This is the model on which Secure Training Centres are based. The rate of reconviction within two years for young people leaving this institution, and a similar institution in Dublin, is 85 per cent and 94 per cent respectively. Is this the type of evidence the Home Secretary is looking for?

Yours,
MARY HONEYBALL,
General Secretary,
Association of Chief Officers of Probation,
212 Whitechapel Road, E1.
September 27.

From the Director of NABC — Clubs for Young People

Sir, Once again we hear the cry "Something must be done" about our young people today. Sadly, we scarcely ever hear the cry "Something is being done".

Despite our best endeavours in the voluntary youth service, few journalists report the vast success that we have, across the United Kingdom, in bringing together young people from different walks of life, presenting them with first-class opportunities and giving them the support they need to take advantage of them, and grow to full maturity.

Our success stories can be told in their thousands, as young people progress to become caring, responsible citizens in their communities. It's not sensational, it's not news, but it does work.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID JAMES,
Director, NABC — Clubs for Young People,
369 Kennington Lane, SE11.
September 27.

From Mr John H. Corfield

Sir, The public facing increasing crime and violence by young people constantly call for more youth clubs to provide facilities, but neither the Government nor councils seem willing to provide funds for the youth leaders or facilities needed.

As one who has spent a lifetime in voluntary youth work in the Streatham area of South London I have witnessed the decline both in official support and personal support from residents, the latter largely because of high unemployment and the moving away of "better off" residents.

In the past two years I have called on almost every home in Streatham with a letter of appeal and report of local youth work. Only one in 200 have responded, and my club has had to reduce its work this year for lack of money.

Is it any wonder youth clubs cannot survive in poor areas, while juvenile crime and drugs are increasing?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN H. CORFIELD
(Vice President and Honorary Finance Secretary,
Streatham Youth Centre),
8 Mount Ephraim Road,
Streatham, SW16.

From Mr W. A. Weir

Sir, Your headline on page 5 of September 23 reads "Parents of defiant juvenile offenders could be jailed".

Does this also apply to those local authorities who have children in their care and who are therefore presumably "in loco parentis"?

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR WEIR,
1 Hallgate,
Cottingham, North Humberside.
September 24.

From Mrs Jean M. Potter

Sir, Today you report Mr Howard as saying that the aim of a plan to put pressure on parents to help make community sentences (on juveniles) work was to make parents accountable.

On another page you say that a man has been placed on probation for 12 months charged with assault after caning his badly behaved stepson.

What are parents to do?

Yours faithfully,
JEAN M. POTTER,
1 Ivy Lane, Teignmouth, Devon.
September 23.

Time to call the SNP's bluff?

From Mr Eric Stockton

Sir, Mr Major should accede to Mr Alex Salmond's request for a referendum on the constitutional future of the Scottish nation (report, September 22). This should be a simple two-option affair — "Independence" or "Remain in the UK".

This would achieve three things: it would enable those of us who favour independence (a large minority) to say so plainly and without other political presuppositions; it would call Mr Salmond's bluff (or puncture his delusions); finally, the likely vote for the continuance of the Union would enable Mr Major and his successors to disregard the question for at least a decade and Scottish politicans could turn their flickering attention to more pressing matters.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC STOCKTON,
West Coll, Sanday, Orkney.
September 24.

From Mr Douglas Ross

Sir, The Scottish National Party's attacks on field sports, and deer stalking in particular ("SNP wants 'poll tax' on deer", September 23), betray a profound and surprising ignorance of the benefits these activities bring to the Scottish people.

For one delegate to portray those who shoot, fish or hunt as "the biggest spongers in Britain" just one day after party leader Alex Salmond held a photo-call fishing on the River Ness is astonishing.

Allegations of "mismanaged [deer] herds" are not only inaccurate but place directly in danger revenue and jobs Scotland can ill-afford to lose. The Red Deer Commission would confirm that many estates throughout Scotland already operate a rigorous annual quota system for both the culling and stalking of deer.

In 1990 in excess of £49 million was directly generated through overseas visitors' enjoying fieldsports. How would the SNP replace this revenue, fill the resulting empty hotel rooms and create jobs for those made unemployed by such a policy?

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS ROSS,
British Field Sports Society,
Scottish Region,
8 Wallace View, Shield Hill,
Falkirk, Stirlingshire.
September 25.

College pay-outs

From Mr John T. Hall

Sir, Your report (September 26) and leading article (September 28) on the BBC's *Panorama* programme which investigated "golden handshakes" to senior executives mentioned an alleged "pay-off" worth up to £500,000 to the vice-chancellor of Huddersfield University. HEFCE (the Higher Education Funding Council for England) said it was powerless to intervene in such matters "unless the governing body had breached its own procedures".

So far as the alleged offer of a severance package by Huddersfield University is concerned, that statement is correct. However, it does not go far enough. Under the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 the Universities Funding Council have ample powers to protect the public purse by making the payment of grant moneys subject to such terms and conditions as the council "think fit". Those terms and conditions are typically to be found in the financial memorandum which each higher education institution in receipt of public funds is required to enter into with the HEFCE.

There is no reason why this mechanism should not be used to discourage the practice of universities offering to their senior managers contracts of employment which are of excessive duration (e.g., terminable by notice in excess of two years), and to require the disclosure of long-term contracts.

The funding council is surely under a public duty to take action, rather than turn the academic blind eye. If the financial watchdog will not bark perhaps its keeper, the Secretary of State, should.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HALL
(Head, Education Law Department),
Eversheds (solicitors),
1 Gunpowder Square,
Printer Street, EC4.
September 28.

Unique publisher

From Mr Derwent May

Sir, May I add one reminiscence to your sympathetic obituary (September 27) of Colin Haycraft, the chairman of Duckworth? He thought that Gibbon's *Decline and Fall* and *Autobiography* were the two best books in English ("or at any rate," he characteristically added, "the two best books not published by Duckworth").

Gibbon recorded the exact moment at which he completed his great work — between the hours of 11 and 12 on the night of June 27, 1787, in the summer-house in his garden at Lausanne. Exactly 200 years later Haycraft gave a party in his own garden in Gloucester Crescent, near Regent's Park. The invitations bore the mysterious inscription "8pm for 11pm".

At precisely 11 o'clock he climbed up to his garden balcony, dressed as Gibbon might have been in a colourful frock coat, and read the last paragraph of the *Decline and Fall* to the assembled company of friends, Gibbonians and countrymen. Afterwards he said he believed he was the only publisher who had ever given a party for a book published by someone else.

Yours sincerely,
DERWENT MAY,
201 Albany Street, NW1.

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Barbican arts policy

From Mr Geoffrey Lawson

Sir, Richard Morrison's assertion that: "Gone are the days when the artistic programmes of the LSO or the Royal Shakespeare Company would be complemented by imaginative multi-disciplined festivals devised by the Barbican itself" could not be further from the truth ("LSO rides out the Barbican storm", September 21).

The centre is about to embark on one of its most exciting and ambitious festivals to date — "Everybody's Shakespeare" (October 25-November 20). This £1.25 million international celebration (funded by the Corporation of London and mounted with the RSC under the artistic direction of Adrian Noble) brings with it leading theatre companies from Germany, Japan, America, Israel and the republic of Georgia. There are also concerts by the LSO and Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra, as well as a month of films, exhibitions, talks, readings and free foyer events.

This is exactly the sort of imaginative multi-disciplined festival that Mr Morrison believes is lacking. We are very proud that we are able to mount such a major event in these still financially precarious times. It is a sign of the Barbican's bold artistic policy under its managing director, Baroness O'Cathain, who has the full support of the Corporation. It is also in no small part thanks to her that the centre has exceeded its sponsorship targets for the Shakespeare festival — no easy task, as those working in arts sponsorship will testify.

Good stewardship of public funds has a strong influence on the running of the Barbican Centre.

It is self-evident that it is a travesty to accuse the Corporation of London — the third largest sponsor of the arts in this country — of being anything less than totally committed to the arts. This year alone its support will total more than £32 million, ranging from the Barbican Centre and its resident companies, the LSO and the RSC, to providing smaller-scale events for the City community, as well as funding the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY LAWSON
(Chairman, Barbican Centre Committee),
Corporation of London,
Guildhall, EC2.
September 22.

Less black than painted

From Mr Peter May

Sir, By starting his short article, "Menace of deadly old enemy" (September 24), with the words, "Plague, known in the Middle Ages as the Black Death..." Nigel Hawkes demonstrates forcibly the durability of historical myth. *The Compact Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary* (1979) reproduced from the *OED* of 1971, has the following:

The name "Black Death" is modern and was apparently introduced into English history by Mrs Penrose (Mrs [Elizabeth] Markham) in 1823...

and then, after listing some of the actual medieval terms — "plague", "pestilence", "the great mortality" — continues: "The epithet 'black' is of uncertain origin and not known to be contemporary anywhere", although there are continental and Scandinavian references prior to its appearance in English.

The title is now as deeply ingrained in the national consciousness as King Alfred and the cakes and it would be pedantic foolishness to hope for its eradication.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MAY,
43 Preston, Paston,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
September 24.

Jazz giants

From Mr Bernard Hodgson

Sir, Your reference to Jule Styne playing piano, at 15, "alongside Benny Goodman, Glen Miller and Jack Teagarden in the famous Ben Pollock band" (obituary, September 22) is a nice romantic story but a little short on fact.

Styne would have been 15 in 1921. Ben Pollack (note correct spelling) formed his first band in 1926. Goodman and Miller joined in that year, and Teagarden in 1928, by which time Goodman had left.

Goodman and Teagarden were not then the giants of jazz they were to become, although it is worth noting that Benny Goodman was 17 years of age when he joined Pollack.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD HODGSON,
116 Three Bridges Road,
Crawley, Sussex.
September 23.

Kashmir's future

From Mr Daljit Sehbai

Sir, India's decision to hold elections in the state of Jammu and Kashmir should be welcomed. Britain should encourage India's efforts to restore peace and democracy in this region — torn by religious strife, aided and encouraged from across its borders.

The proposal by Michael Colvin, MP (letter, September 23), that Pakistan should be involved in this process can only be justified if one accepts the two-nation theory based on religion, simply because the Kashmir valley is predominantly Muslim. In this case, would Pakistan be able or willing to take responsibility for over 100 million Muslims who live in other parts of India?

Taking the two-nation theory to its logical conclusion would undermine the principles of secularism on which India's constitution is founded, which could unleash the ugly forces of religious bigotry and hatred.

No one would wish to see again anything similar to what occurred during partition in 1947, when millions were massacred or driven out in the name of religion.

Yours faithfully,
DALJIT SEHBAI,
Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1.
September 23.

Early fax facts

From Mr Alan Gomersall

Sir, You report (September 22) that Jules Verne predicted the fax machine, among other things, in 1863. In fact Alexander Bain had invented the concept with his British patent 9745, dating from 1843. The first commercial system, based on the adaptation in Giovanni Caselli's British patent 2395 (1861), was actually introduced in 1860 in France.

It is likely that Verne was aware of the fax system and was not so much predicting the future as commenting upon an existing new technology. These patents can be seen in the international collection of patents, housed in this section of the British Library.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN GOMERSALL,
(Director), Science Reference and Information Service,
The British Library,
25 Southampton Buildings, WC2.

Not cricket?

From Mr Peter L. G. Bateman

Sir, Jane Asser's cricket (letter, September 23) will not lay eggs because if it sings it is a male.

It may be trying to attract a mate with its stridulations but is more likely warning off any other males.

Paul Cantoni (letter, September 26) might have emulated the ladies of Imperial China who liked to go to sleep listening to a cricket in a golden cage on their pillow.

Both your correspondents however would be well advised to keep these insects out of their wardrobes. The house cricket will damage wool or silk as well as eating vegetables, fruit or flour. A female lays on average 104 eggs at room temperature.

Americans used to place males together in cages to fight and a sum of $90,000 was wagered on one champion called Gengis Khan. But then the Americans never understood the subtleties of cricket.

Yours truly,
PETER L. G. BATEMAN
(Director), Rentokil Ltd,
Felcourt, East Grinstead,
West Sussex.
September 26.

Short-term memory

From Dr W. R. C. Rowley

Sir, The French custom of printing telephone numbers in groups of two digits (Mr John Cook's letter, September 24) is indeed a good way of making them more memorable. It is even more effective if the number is then read as a sequence of two-digit values, rather than as pairs of digits. Thus Mr Cook's number, 833391, becomes eighty-three, thirty-three, ninety-one, rather than "eight three, double three, nine one".

The French method not only makes it easier to memorise unfamiliar numbers, but I find that it also helps to avoid mistakes with repeated digits, when reading out a number to another person.

Yours faithfully,
DICK ROWLEY,
14 Heathcote Road, St Margarets,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
September 24.

Equality before the law

From Mr Sidney Sugarman

Sir, You report on the same day (September 23) on lodgings that cost "£2,167 per judge per week at Manchester" and "secure accommodation costing £2,300 a week" for a convicted young offender.

When may we expect to see the end of class discrimination in this country?

Yours faithfully,
SIDNEY SUGARMAN,
8 Airthrey Court, 5 Wilderton Road,
Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset.
September 23.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 28: The Lady Elton has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 28: The Prince Edward this afternoon attended a Luncheon given by Senior Officers of West End Central Police Station at New Scotland Yard, 8-10 Broadway, *London SW1.*

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 28: The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, this morning attended the Annual General Meeting and Conference at the Central Hall, University of York, *Heslington, York, and was* received by Major General Henry Woods (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Butler Trust, this evening opened the second Butler Trust Symposium at HM Prison Bristol and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 28: The Prince of Wales today visited Rhynie and Huntly and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse).

His Royal Highness this morning visited *Castlehill Housing's* Mackay Court, Rhynie.

The Prince of Wales later visited Books Abroad, Rhynie.

His Royal Highness afterwards *visited the Gordon Rural Action* and Information Network, Huntly, and attended a luncheon at the Castle Hotel.

The Prince of Wales this after*noon visited Deans* of Huntly Limited.

His Royal Highness subsequently visited R.B. Farquhar Limited, Huntly.

Commander Richard Aylard, RN, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Dinner held in the Great Hall of Lincoln's Inn, London WC2, to mark the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 28: The Duke of Gloucester presented The Queen Mother's Awards for the Tidy Britain Group at a Luncheon at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, London WC1.

The Duke of Gloucester, Trustee, British Museum, this evening was present at the opening of the Hirayama Conservation Studio at the British Museum, London WC1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Honorary Liveryman, the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers, was present this evening at the 425th Annual Banquet at Mansion House, London EC3.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 28: The Duke of Kent, Chairman of Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth *Study Conference, this evening* attended a reception at Church House, Westminster, London SW1.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening opened the City Antiques and Fine Art Fair, the Business Design Centre, Upper Street, London N1.

Her Royal Highness later attended the National Association of Goldsmiths' Centenary Dinner, Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, London EC2.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a reception at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, at noon: and, as President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will attend the past presidents' dinner at the Goring Hotel, Beeston Place, SW1, at 7.10.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend a gala concert and dinner at the Barbican at 7.25 to mark the 90th anniversary of the London Symphony Orchestra.

The Duke of Kent, as Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), will attend a ceremonial march through Princes Street, Edinburgh, at 11.30.

Luncheon

Sheriffs of the City of London
After their admission to the Office of Sheriffs of the City of London, Mr Alderman and Sheriff Richard Nichols and Mr Sheriff Jonathan Charkham received the guests at the Sheriffs' breakfast held yesterday at Merchant Taylors' Hall. The Lord Chief Justice, the Recorder of London, Mr Alderman John Chalstrey and Mr Jeremy Gotch were among the speakers. Others present included:

The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, *Lord Bancroft, Lord Barber, Lord* Richardson of Duntisbourne, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Mr Justice Hidden, Sir George Blunden, Sir Barry Sheen, Sir John Woolf, Sir John Wordie. Members of the Court of Aldermen and Court *of Common Council, Masters of* Livery Companies, former Sheriffs and Officers of the Corporation of London.

Memorial service

Mr Ken Donlan
A memorial service for Mr Ken Donlan, former Editor of the *News of the World* and News Editor of *The Sun*, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated, assisted by Father John Kenny who led the prayers. Mr Tony Donlan, brother, read the lesson and Mr Mark Donlan, son, read *The Parting Glass*. Mr Arthur Brittenden gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Donlan (widow), Mr and Mrs Ralph Jones and Mr and Mrs Martin Clark (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs Mark Donlan (daugher-in-law), Katie and Lucy Donlan (granddaughters), Mrs Tony Donlan (sister-in-law), Mr Vin Symond (brother-in-law), Mrs Anne Holmes (sister-in-law), Mrs Lesley Mayers, Mr Stephen Symond.

Mr Brian Horwitz (general manager — planning and development, News International Newspapers) with Mr John Widdows (finance director), Mr Stuart Kuttner (managing editor, *News of the World* also representing the editor), Mr Robert Warren (associate editor), Mr Tony Harris (editor, *Sunday* Magazine), Mr Christopher Roycroft-Davis (assistant editor, *The Sun* also representing the editor), Mr William Newman (managing editor) and Mr Brian MacArthur (Features Executive Editor, *The Times*, also representing the editor).

Sir Nicholas Lloyd (editor, *Daily Express*), Mr Charles Wilson (managing director, Mirror Group *Newspapers*) with Mr David Banks (editorial director), Mr Pat Pilton (managing editor), Mr Colin Myler (editor, *Daily Mirror*) and Mr T Petrie (representing the editor, *The People*) with Mrs Petrie; Mr Charles Garside (editor, *The European*), Mr Garth Burden (representing the editor, *Daily Mail*), Mr Graham Jones (assistant editor, *Sunday Express* also representing the editor) with Mr Tom Hendry (news editor); Mr Hugh Whittow (news editor, *The Daily Star*), Mr E H Marsh (chairman of council, Newspaper Press Fund).

Miss Jane Reed, Mr Bruce Matthews, Mrs Arthur Brittenden, Miss Pat Chapman, Mr James Whitaker, Mr Philip Wrack, Mr and Mrs Ed Clark, Mr and Mrs Tony Stotesbury, Mr Kenneth Morgan, Mr Peter Santon, Miss Penny Perrick, Mr and Mrs Henry Douglas, Mr Tom Crone, Mr Brian Dibb, Mr Monty Court, Mrs Penny Hall, Mr and Mrs Peter Stephens, Mr Phil Dampier, Mr Trevor Kavanagh, Mr Malcolm Withers, Mr and Mrs Gerald Rance, Mr and Mrs D N Todhunter, Mr Arthur Davidson, QC, Mr K Catchpole, Mr *David Tindall, Mr* Christopher Dobson, Mrs Debbie Samuel, Mr Arthur Edwards, Mr Chris Buckland, Mr Edward Jones, Mr and Mrs Harry Longmuir, Mr and Mrs Richard Parrack, Mr Richard Herd, Mr Jack Crossley.

Mr and Mrs Jack Holman, Mr R F Dye, Mr and Mrs Ray Davies, Mr Colin Hart, Mr Peter Smith, Mr George Hollingbery, Mr and Mrs W T Dickson, Miss M Davison, Mrs Rosann Benett, Mr Keith McDowall, Ms Celia Haddon, Mr and Mrs *Rodney Tyler, Mr R Stockdill*, Mr James Nicholson, Mr John Collier, Mr Robert Hill, Mr John Dale, Mr Terry O'Connor, Mr Peter Donnelly, Mr Revel Barker, Mr Ernest Kirby, Mr Jim Lewthwaite, Mr Clive Gunnell and Ms Hilary Bonner, Mr Bill Bateson, Miss Joan Gabbedey, Mr David Roxan, Mrs Maureen Brindell, Mr and Mrs Alfred Stannard, Mrs Moira Shewey, Mrs H Blake, Miss Claire Beaham, Miss Jean Soames, Mr and Mrs Rod Tyler, Mr Monty Meth, Mr Nick Ferrari, Mr John Kay, Mr Denis Budge, Mr Brian *McConnell, Mr John Melidew*, Mr John Roberts and Mr Charles Catchpole.

Archbishop Lord Blanch

A Memorial Service for the Right Rev and Right Hon Lord Blanch, of Bishopthorpe, formerly Archbishop of York, will be held at 2.15pm on Saturday, October 22, in the Chapel of St Peter's College, Oxford.

Receptions

Anglo-Latin American Foundation
The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended a reception of the Anglo-Latin American Foundation held last night at Coutts & Co, Strand, to launch an appeal for the needy children of Latin America. Sir Ewen Fergusson, Chairman of Coutts & Co, welcomed the guests. Baroness Hooper, president of the foundation, also spoke.

Legal Assistance Trust
The High Commissioner for South Africa, HE Mr Kent Durr, and Sir Sydney Lipworth, QC, gave a reception for the friends of the Legal Assistance Trust (LAT) and the Legal Resources Centre (LRC) at South Africa House last night. The speakers included the hosts, Mr Geoffrey Budlender, LRC National Director, the Hon Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, UN Prosecutor for Yugoslavian War Crimes and Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC.

Retirement

Judge Willcock retired yesterday from the Western Circuit.

Birthdays

Professor Sir Norman Anderson, QC, former director, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London University, 86; Signor Michelangelo Antonioni, film director, 82; Air Marshal Sir David Atkinson, 70; Lord Avebury, 66; Lord Justice Balcombe, 69; Mr Richard Bonynge, conductor, 64; Mr Chris Broad, cricketer, 37; Mr Sebastian Coe, MP and former athlete, 38; Mr John Dawes, rugby coach, 54; Mr Colin Dexter, author, 64; Professor Dorothy Emmet, philosopher, 90; Professor R.J. Evans, historian, 47; Mr Alasdair Fraser, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland, 48; Miss Greer Garson, actress, 86; Mr Carl Giles, cartoonist, 78; the Very Rev Andrew Herron, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 85; Miss Patricia Hodge, actress, 48; Dr R.A. Hodges, archaeologist, 42; Professor R.V. Jones, CH, natural philosopher, 83; Mr H.N.L. Keswick, chairman, Matheson and Company, 56; Mr Jimmy Knapp, trade unionist, 54; Viscount Lambert, 82; Mr Murray McLaggan, Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan, 65; Mr Rhodri Morgan, MP, 55; Dr Colin Niven, headmaster, Alleyn's School, 53; Canon Paul Oestreicher, former chairman, British section, Amnesty International, 63; Sir Michael Partridge, civil servant, 59; Mr *Stephen Platt, editor, New Statesman and Society*, 40; Mr Peter Rigby, chairman and group managing director, Specialist Computer Holdings, 51; Mr David Steele, cricketer, 53; Mr Peter Stormonth Darling, director and formerly chairman, Mercury Asset Management Group, 62; Mrs Phyllis Taylor, educationist, 68; Dr Morag Timbury, director, Central Public Health Laboratory, 64; Mrs Sarah Tyacke, Keeper of Public Records, 49; Mr Lech Walesa, President of Poland, 51.

TONY WHITE



Eugene Mursky, the 19-year-old pianist from Tashkent, Uzbekistan, reflecting yesterday, *near St Paul's Cathedral, on his victory in the National Power World Piano Competition.* After performing Tchaikovsky's first piano concerto at the Festival Hall he was presented with the £10,000 prize by the Princess of Wales. Winning costs, page 37

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.W. Bird and Miss E.C. Hagger
The engagement is announced between Miles, eldest son of Michael and Pauline Bird, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Emma, only daughter of John and Lesley Hagger, of Redhill, Surrey.

Mr N.R. Butler and Miss M.E. Martin
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Robert, only son of Dr Robert Butler, of Ascot, Berkshire, and *Mrs Catherine* Butler, of Oxshott, Surrey, and Martina Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Martin, of Hale Barns, Cheshire.

Mr G.M. Davison and Miss T. Harvey
The engagement is announced between Garry, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Davison, of Bleak Hall, Bedford, and Tamsin, daughter of Mr Julian Harvey, of Lower House, Surrey, and Mrs Richard Peel, of Old Castleton, Herefordshire.

Mr J.P.C. Edwards and Mrs K.R. Neill
The engagement is announced between Julian Peter Cary, son of Mr Jeremy Edwards and the late Mrs Jenifer Graham, and Kirstin Ruth, widow of Matthew Neill and daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Tegner.

Dr B.J. Hatchwell and Dr J.M. Skeer
The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Richard and Mary Hatchwell, of Little Somerford, Wiltshire, and Jackie, *daughter of the late Patrick and* Jean Skeer, of Bamford, Derbyshire.

Mr S.H. Jeffery and Miss C.E. Stephens
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Harold Jeffery, of Totnes, Devon, and Charlotte, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Stephens, of Northaw, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.D. Martin and Miss T.J. Baily
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs R.S. Martin, of Blackburn, Victoria, Australia, and Tanya, daughter of Mr Jan and Lady Sarah Baily, of Eversley, Hampshire.

Mr R.J. Montgomery and Miss N.S. Clark
The engagement is announced between Rory, son of Mr and Mrs James Montgomery, of Adelaide, South Australia, and Naomi, daughter of Mr David Clark and Mrs Joanna Clark, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr P.J.Y. Oliver and Miss S.M. Millard
The engagement is announced between Paul James Yool, youngest son of Professor Michael F. Oliver, CBE, of Barley Mill House, East Lothian, and Dr Margaret Oliver, of East Morningside House, Edinburgh, and Susan-Mary, younger daughter of the late Mr Bruce Millard and of Mrs Mary Millard, of Bookham, Surrey.

Mr A.J.B. Phillips and Miss R.L. Pass
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr Hayden Phillips, of Mildenhall, Wiltshire, and Dr Ann Phillips, of Wimbledon, London, and Rochelle, only daughter of Mr and *Mrs Robert Pass*, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Mr J.R. McCrum and Miss S.L. Lyall
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and *Mrs Michael* McCrum, of Cambridge, and Sarah, daughter of Mrs Hans Utsch, of New York City, and the late Dr David Lyall.

Mr D.J. Pudge and Miss J.H.E. Jackson
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of the late Mr Geoffrey Pudge and of Mrs Pudge, of Fownhope, Herefordshire, and Jane, younger daughter of Brigadier John Jackson, MBE, GM, and Mrs Jackson, of Leigh, Sherborne, Dorset.

***Mr A.M. Turnbull* and Miss C.M.A. Humphriss**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr J.A. Turnbull, CBE, and Mrs *Turnbull, of Banstead, Surrey, and* Clare, daughter of the Reverend Canon R.G. and Mrs Humphriss, of Saltwood, Kent.

Mr J. Webb and Miss M-A. Crumplin
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs S.F. Webb, of Scunthorpe, South Humberside, and Mary-Ann, daughter of *Mr and Mrs* B.W. Crumplin, of Carrigaline, Ireland.

Marriages

Mr N.E.L. Allen and Miss K.M. Davidson
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 24, 1994, at the Church of St Mary on Paddington Green, London, of Mr Nick Allen, elder son of Mrs Eileen Allen, of Camberley, Surrey, and the late Mr Leonard Allen, to Miss Katharine Davidson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Davidson, of Dawes Mead, Leigh, Surrey. Prebendary John Foster officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Sarah Davidson and Miss Denise Croysdill. Mr Antony Gibb was best man.

A reception was held at St Mary's Hall and the honeymoon is being spent in The Western Isles.

Mr C. Peters and Miss N.M. Emerson
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 24, 1994, at The Convent Chapel, The Old Palace, Mayfield, of Mr Charles Peters, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brian Peters, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, to Miss Nicola Emerson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Emerson, of Crondall, Hampshire. Dom Kevin Taggart, OSB, officiated.

The bride, who was given *in* marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Claire Davies, Miss Lucy Emerson, Catharine Carew Hunt and Clare Faulconer. Mr *Luke Winham was best man.*

A reception was held at The Old Palace, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr R.O.D. Power and Miss G.H.I. Abegg
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 24, at the Oberneulander Kirche, Bremen between Richard, younger son of *Mr and Mrs John Power, of* Cowes, Isle of Wight, and Gabriele, elder daughter of Herr Georg Abegg *and* Frau Brigitte Abegg, of Bremen.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Tintoretto, painter, Venice, 1518; Miguel de Cervantes, author of *Don Quixote*, Alcala de Henares, Spain, 1547; François Boucher, painter, Paris, 1703; Robert Clive, Baron Clive of Plassey, governor of Bengal, Styche, Shropshire, 1725; Horatio Nelson, Viscount Nelson, Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk, 1758; Elizabeth Gaskell, novelist, London, 1810; Henry Hobson Richardson, architect, St James, Louisiana, 1838; Miguel de Unamuno, poet, Bilbao, 1864; Enrico Fermi, physicist, Nobel *laureate 1938, Rome, 1901; Sir Billy* Butlin, holiday camp promoter, South Africa, 1899.

DEATHS: Emile Zola, novelist, Paris, 1902; Winslow Homer, painter, *Prout's Neck, Maine, 1910; William* Einthoven, physician, pioneer of electro-cardiography, Nobel laureate 1924, Leiden, The Netherlands, 1927; Bruce Bairnsfather, cartoonist, Worcester, 1959; Carson McCullers, novelist, Nyack, New York, 1967; W.H. Auden, poet, Vienna, 1973.

The London police, remodelled by Sir Robert Peel, began duty, 1829.

The first automatic telephone answering machine was tested, 1950.

Dinner

British Museum
The Duke of Gloucester attended a dinner held last night at the British Museum to mark the opening of the Hirayama Conservation Studio. Lord Windlesham, chairman of trustees, was host. The Ambassador of Japan and Mrs Fujii, the Ambassador of China and Mrs Ma and Professor Ikou Hirayama, President of the Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music, and Mrs Hirayama were among the guests.

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BIRTHS

ALLWOOD - On September 22nd, to Catherine (née Arundell) and Andrew, a daughter, Mary.

CARMICHAEL - On September 28th, to Rosie (née Lean) and Dominic, a son.

COLERIDGE - On September 27th, to Daria (née Kelley) and Tim, a son, Edward Lawrence.

GILBERT - On 28th September, to Melinda (née Libby) and Christopher, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, a daughter, Genevieve Maud, 9 weeks early but doing well.

HARVEY - On September 20th 1994, to Sue (née Asquith) and Paul, a beautiful son, Benedict Donald.

LEEMING - On September 27th at University College Hospital, to Susan and Richard, a son, Max Andrew, a brother for Jack.

McNEILE - On September 14th, to Henrietta (née Peake) and James, a son, Miles.

SPEAIGHT - On September 14th at Queen Charlotte's, to Gabrielle (née Koey-Lister) and Anthony, a daughter, Isabella Louise Annunziata, a sister for Edmund.

BIRTHS

SPENCE - On September 21st, *to My* and Julian, a son, Thomas Gustav Alexander, a brother for Victoria.

THEOBALD - On September 10th, to Katharine (née Smith) and Simon, a daughter, Alice Rose, a sister for Freddie.

DEATHS

BLAIR - Alistair Patrick, on 26th September, very peacefully at home, in his 91st year. Much loved husband of Rosemary, father of Patrick and Pauleen, grandfather of Nigel, Robin, Mark, Jennifer, Ruth, Andrew, James and David. Great-grandfather of Holly, James and Edward. Funeral on Monday 3rd October at 11.30 am in Christ Church, Guildford. Interment of ashes at Hildersham, Cambridge. Family flowers only. Donations to the Cambridge Foundation c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY, tel: (0483) 67333.

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DEATHS

CANN - On Saturday September 24th, *suddenly*, Beryl of Hampstead, widow of Donald C. Cann. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday October 4th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. *Donations, if desired, to the* Fabric Fund of Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, NW3 6UU. Enquiries to W. Garstin & Sons, tel: (071) 936-4868.

COKE-STEEL - On September 27th 1994, peacefully, Frances Helen aged 86 years, of Trusley, Derbyshire. Widow of Ronald Coke-Steel, much loved mother of David and Julia and grandmother of Robert, Celia, Sophie and Edward. Funeral at All Saints Church, Trusley, on Monday 3rd October at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for The Chest Heart and Stroke Association may be sent to W. Jones and Son, Main Road, Brailsford, Ashbourne, Derby DE6 3DA.

CONTOMICHALOS - Anthony Gerassimos, on September 27th, peacefully. Husband of Joanna, father of Alexandra and Gerassimos, grandfather of Ben, Katherine and Francesca. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving to be announced later.

DAVIES - On 27th September, peacefully, Ruth Esther (née McCormick), widow of D.R., aged 88. Funeral at Parham Church on the Parham Estate, Pulborough, Sussex, on Tuesday 4th October at 2.30 pm. For details ring Diana on (081) 847-2629, Rachel on (081) 883-5670 or Richard on (0278) 722020.

EMERY - On September 26th, suddenly in hospital, William John Gladwell (John), dear husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

FLETCHER - Nancy, peacefully at Christchurch Park Hospital, on September 27th 1994, aged 73 years. Very dear wife of Anthony and mother of Hugh, Martin and Evelyn and a much loved grandmother. Private cremation, *followed* by Thanksgiving Service on October 3rd at 2.pm at All Saints Church, Brandeston, Suffolk. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Riding for the Disabled c/o *Moore Bros., Station Road,* Framlingham, Suffolk IP13 9EA.

FORESTIER-WALKER - Robert Jestyn Gwent, peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Ann and devoted father of Rosamond, Vivien, *Miranda and Aidan.* Funeral 2.30 pm Tuesday 4th October at St Mary's Church, Clifford. Arrangements c/o C.C. James Funeral Director, tel: (0497) 847410.

GIBSON - On September 23rd at his daughter's home, William Arthur, formerly of Bowdon, Cheshire. Beloved husband of the late Judy, dear father of Christopher, Catherine and Nicholas and loving grandfather of Oliver, Edward, Penelope and Richard. Funeral Service at Salisbury Cathedral on 4th October at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the N.S.P.C.C. c/o L.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral *Directors, Griffin House, 58* Winchester Street, Salisbury, SP1 1HL, tel: (0722) 413136.

DEATHS

GROCHOLSKI - On September 26th, peacefully at home, Count Casimir Adam, beloved husband of Anna, father of Alexander, Ida, Jacek and Thea, grandfather of Katherine and Mary. Funeral Service at Nordheim Crematorium, Zurich, on September 29th. Memorial Service at the Polish Church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Windsor Road, London W5, on Saturday October 15th at 11 am. No flowers but donations, if desired, in favour of "Grocholice Church Fund 80-1444" to Dr. M. Lorez, 49 Florastrasse, 8008 Zurich, Switzerland.

HARRISON - On September 27th 1994, peacefully at home, Julian Rahr. Much loved. Private funeral.

HAYCRAFT - Colin, on Saturday 24th September, suddenly. Requiem Mass on Friday 30th September at 11.45 am at St Etheldreda's Church, 14 Ely Place, EC1. No flowers please.

HENDERSON - On Monday 26th September 1994, peacefully in Amsterdam, Michael James aged 47 years, after a brave fight against leukaemia. Beloved husband of Marianne and loving father of Rosie and Thale. Memorial Service at St Andrew's Church, Walberswick, Suffolk, on Wednesday 5th October at 2.30 pm.

HIGGINS - T.J. (Tom), on September 24th, peacefully in hospital. Much loved husband of Doreen and dear father of Janet and Leslie. Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, on Monday October 3rd at 12 noon. No flowers please, donations if wished to your favourite charity.

DEATHS

HITCHINS - On September 27th 1994, Edwin Douglas Hitchins M.B.E., T.D., M.A.(Cantab), solicitor in Bournemouth for 63 years, dearly loved husband of Jean. Funeral Service Wednesday 5th October, 2pm at Bournemouth Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations for the Solicitors Benevolent Association may be sent to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth, BH7 6AN.

HOLT-WILSON - On September 26th 1994, Audrey, widow of Brig. Gen. Sir Eric Holt-Wilson Kt, CMG DSO, much-loved mother of Gay and Clemency, grandmother of Fiona, Andrew, Hugh, Rebecca and Lucinda and sister of Leader. Haycroft (decd) and John Stirling, aged 84. Funeral at St Anne's Church, Bowden Hill, Lacock, Wilts., on Tuesday October 11th at 2pm. Family flowers only.

IVES - William Charles of Spennymoor, County Durham, suddenly on 26th September 1994.

MALTBY - On September 23rd 1994, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Christopher Hugh Kingsnorth Maltby. Beloved husband of Diana and dearly loved father of Jennifer, Alison and Katherine. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, West Parley, Dorset, on Tuesday October 4th at 2.15 pm. No flowers by request, donations if desired *for Poole Salvation Army* may be sent to Tapper Funeral Services, Poole, Dorset, tel: (0202) 673164.

DEATHS

MARTELLI - On 27th September 1994, peacefully in hospital, Guiseppe, of Lewes, East Sussex, aged 71 years. Funeral to take place at Lewes Cemetery Chapel on Monday 3rd October at 1.30 pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Lewes Victoria Hospital League of Friends c/o Cooper & Son, Funeral Service, 42 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, tel: (0273) 475557.

MURRAY - Robert Campbell Murray (Bobbie), died very suddenly at his new home in Dirleton, on Monday September 26th 1994. Dearly loved husband of the late Lucy, loving father to Teddy and Robin, Scotty and Fee, darling grandpa to Kate, Lucy, Lauren, Eilidh, Robert, Alastair and Marnie, also Danny and son. We will all miss him so much. Private funeral service for family followed by Service of Thanksgiving at Dirleton Church on Friday September 30th at 12 noon, to which all friends are warmly invited. Family flowers to CWS Funerals, 96/98 High Street, Tranent or donations to Save the Children Fund.

PITKEATHLY - Lady Ellen Allan, on 17th September, passed away peacefully in hospital in Folkestone, "Nye", beloved wife of the late Sir James Scott Pitkeathly. Dearly loved mother of Iain and proud grandmother of James. Funeral at Barham Crematorium on Thursday 6th October at *11* am. Flowers (sprays only) to Chittendens Funeral Services Ltd., (0303) 851486.

DEATHS

RUDD - On September 23rd 1994, peacefully in hospital in Reading, Eileen Wallace (Sheila), daughter of Charles Dunell Rudd (1844-1916) co-founder with Cecil Rhodes of De Beers and Gold Fields, in her 95th year. Revered aunt, great-aunt, great-great-aunt and great-great-great-aunt. Funeral at Reading Crematorium in Caversham on 3rd October at 11.30 am.

WHITMORE - On 24th September 1994, peacefully in hospital in Nottingham, Hulda Whitmore (née Johannesdottir), beloved wife of Edward, loving mother of Helga and Ian. Cremation at Bramcote Crematorium, Nottingham, on 7th October at 12 noon. Please, at her request, no black to be worn at the funeral. Flowers or donations for Alzheimers *Disease* Research to A.W. Lymn, Robin Hood Street, Nottingham - (0602) 505875.

WILLIAMS - On September 27th 1994, peacefully in Dorset, Kathleen Winifred (née Turner), formerly of Hampstead, aged 83 years. Funeral at Weymouth Crematorium, Monday October 3rd at 2.30 pm. Any enquiries to Grassby Funeral Service, (0305) 262338.

WILLS - On September 28th 1994, in Singapore, as a result of an accident, Daniel Alan Colquhoun, loved husband of Linda and father of Richard and Jay Victoria.

WITT - Peacefully at home on 24th September 1994, Mario Max aged 68 years, of Belchamp Otten, Sudbury, Suffolk. A private cremation will be held next week.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CADELL - A service to celebrate the lives of Helen and Laurie Cadell will be held on Thursday 6th October at 11.30 am at Crown Court Church, Russell Street, Covent Garden, London.

CAMPBELL OF CRAIGNISH - A Memorial Service will be held for Ian James, husband of Zandra of Hong Kong and of Australia, at Holy Trinity, Brompton, on Tuesday 4th October at 2.30 pm.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

SHAND - A service of remembrance will be held for The Hon. Mrs. Shand on Thursday 6th October at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge (Wilton Place) SW1 at 12 noon.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

HELLINGS-FABIAN - On September 29th 1934 at St James' Church, Bushey, Hertfordshire, David to Joan. Now living at Burghclere, Hampshire. Congratulations and love from Clare and Peter.

BIRTHDAYS

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HARRY SALTZMAN

Harry Saltzman, film producer, died in Paris on September 27 aged 78. He was born in New Brunswick, Canada, on October 27, 1915.

HARRY SALTZMAN was the co-producer with "Cubby" Broccoli, of the first nine — and arguably the best — James Bond films. He was the essence of the extravagant, genial producer, a small tubby man who made and lost fortunes, but who had an uncanny ability to turn failure into success, and to prise money from American investors for projects with a specifically British flavour.

Saltzman all but retired from the film world in the mid-1970s leaving Broccoli — with whom by then he was not on the best of terms — in sole charge of production. Hence Broccoli's is now the name generally associated with Bond production. However, it was Saltzman's initial decision to take a film option on Ian Fleming's novels, a move which set in motion what turned out to be one of the most lucrative bandwagons in cinematic history.

It was in 1960 that Saltzman — up till then known only as a Canadian producer with a couple of good British films behind him — left his company, Woodfall Films, and became involved with James Bond. In December that year he managed a dramatic coup which secured a six-month option on all existing and future Fleming titles, with the exception of *Casino Royale* which had been sold to Gregory Ratoff in 1955 (and which was made into a disappointing spoof version with David Niven in 1967). At the same time, unbeknown to him, Albert "Cubby" Broccoli, a New York producer based in London, was also showing an interest in the novels.

In May 1961, when his six-month option was nearly up, Saltzman was introduced to Broccoli by a mutual friend. Impressed by Broccoli's connections in the film world, Saltzman agreed to form a partnership, Eon Productions Ltd. Their package was offered first to Columbia — who turned them down — and then to United Artists (UA), the London head of which, David Picker, happened to be a great Fleming enthusiast. With his encouragement, UA signed up for a six-film deal, the first of which was originally to be *Thunderball*, but which after various legal difficulties, became *Dr No* (1962).

The Saltzman-Broccoli partnership prospered for the next decade with a string of box-office successes at the rate of almost one a year: *From Russia With Love* (1963), *Goldfinger* (1964), *Thunderball* (1965), *You Only Live Twice* (1967), *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* (1969) and *Diamonds are Forever* (1971). Saltzman and Broccoli had total control over the films and a good deal of say over casting.

They were also the main force behind making the films more humorous than the books — the violence after *Dr No* was noticeably toned down, as was the realism of Bond's seduction scenes by the late 1960s. Saltzman and Broccoli agreed these were to be family films, but they were also to be a new form of "total" cinematic experience: lots of action, stunts, exotic locations, exaggerated sound effects and great music, strung together loosely on Fleming's original plot.

The formula worked well until 1974 when, with the slightly disasppointing reception for *The Man With the Golden Gun*, it became clear that Broccoli and Saltzman were no longer working well together. In fact they had practically taken turns to produce the last two films. Saltzman having filmed *Live and Let Die* (1973) on location, leaving Broccoli to take over more of *The Man With the Golden Gun*. It was at this point that Saltzman decided to leave Broccoli, claiming that he needed capital for private ventures. He sold his share in the Bond production company to United Artists in 1975, leaving Broccoli in sole charge of production of new Bond films.

Harry Saltzman was born in New Brunswick, a maritime province of Canada. He had an early training in vaudeville and circuses, and had theatre experience in France before the war. Afterwards he moved back to North America, and began working in television. His first film was *The Iron Petticoat* (1956) with Bob Hope and a miscast Katharine Hepburn in a disappointing imitation of Garbo's *Ninotchka*. He had more success with producing the original version of John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger* on Broadway and co-producing the film version in 1959.

The following year he made two British kitchen-sink classics. *The Entertainer* and *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*. It was after the box-office success of the latter the two Osborne films had both lost money that he discovered the Bond novels, and approached Fleming over film rights.

After leaving Broccoli in 1975 with an estimated £20 million from the deal with United Artists, Saltzman was faced with numerous options — he was not a man who liked being pinned down to one particular business label. In 1969, for example, he had reopened the River Club in Pimlico, and in 1960 he became the new chairman of the theatrical production company H. M. Tennent.

Throughout the Bond years he had continued to make other films — *The Ipcress File* (1965) with Michael Caine, and the over-ambitious *The Battle of Britain* (1969) with Laurence Olivier.

However, as far as further film projects went, his subsequent career was something of a disappointment. Many in the film world felt he was reluctant to take risks, though he was approached with some good projects, and that, if only he had been able to carry through his initial enthusiasms, he could have made some extraordinary films. He had never been the most popular man in showbusiness — for all his overt geniality and charm: too many had been on the receiving end of his hard business philosophy for that. But certainly, having made the sort of money he did on the Bond films, he could have afforded to take a few chances of the creative sort.

However, after *Nijinsky* (1980) — a somewhat tediously scripted film which survived through its electrifying performances — Saltzman all but retired from the film world. Mostly, this was attributed to ill health (he had a heart condition). In 1990 he left England — a country which he had seen as his adopted home — and moved near Paris.

Harry Saltzman is survived by his wife Adriana, and by a son and a daughter.



Saltzman, centre, with Roger Moore and Cubby Broccoli on the set of *Live and Let Die*, Moore's first Bond film

ANDREW ROTHSTEIN

Andrew Rothstein, Marxist historian and a founding member of the Communist Party of Great Britain, died on September 22 aged 95. He was born in Hackney on September 26, 1898.



TO THE end of his life Andrew Rothstein remained a fundamentalist revolutionary Marxist of the most unreconstructed sort, not for him Eurocommunism, with its vision of a modernist, gradualist road to socialism. The movement within the British party, too towards embracing notions of socialist democracy was anathema to him. Criticism of such Soviet actions as the invasion of Czechoslovakia or the intervention in Afghanistan were unthinkable to him and he fiercely excoriated the CPGB whenever it diverged from a pure pro-Soviet line.

Finally the compromise nature of CPGB ideology proved too much for him and in 1988 he broke away to found the Communist Party of Britain (CPB), of which he became membership cardholder number one. Thereafter the CPB and its mouthpiece, the *Morning Star*, was the sworn ideological foe of the CPGB and its slicker organ, *Marxism Today*.

Andrew Rothstein's parents had come to London as political refugees from Tsarist Russia in the last century. He was educated at Owen's School, Islington, and Balliol College, Oxford. His undergraduate career was, however, interrupted by the First World War, during which he served in the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry.

He returned to Oxford after the war and after finishing his degree became press officer to the first Soviet trade delegation to Britain. When the first convention of the Communist Party of Great Britain was held in July 1920 he joined it as a founding member. For the next ten years he held various offices on the party's central committee, and from 1921 until the end of the Second World War he was London correspondent for the Soviet press agency, Tass.

His close friendship with the Soviet Ambassador in London, Ivan Maisky, gave him considerable clout in the years before the war. And although he was at that time disliked by the British political Establishment, attitudes towards him changed markedly after the German invasion of Russia in 1941 when British government suspicion of everything Soviet changed to expedient comradeship.

After the war he lectured at London University's School of Slavonic and East European Studies. In 1948 he published *Man and Plan in the Soviet Economy. A History of the USSR*, an impeccably pro-Stalinist text, appeared in 1950. It was followed by *Peaceful Co-existence* (1955), a Marxist analysis of the relationship between the Soviet bloc and the rest of Europe, and *The Munich Conspiracy* (1958).

British Foreign Policy and its Critics (1969) was an account which viewed British actions overseas as they might have been seen through working-class eyes, an attempt to evolve a coherent proletarian critique of British policy. His last book was *The Soldier Strikes of 1919* (1980).

Rothstein was dismissed from his London University post in 1950. Feeling that a Cold War backlash against anything Eastern European was responsible for this, he attempted to get his job back through litigation, but was not successful.

From 1947 to 1974 he was chairman of the Marx Memorial Library at Clerkenwell Green, London. His book on its history, *A House on Clerkenwell Green* (1966), was an important component of the campaign he led for the preservation and reconstruction of the building. Rothstein was also chairman of the Marx Monument Committee which, in 1956, had a bust of Marx erected at the site of his grave in Highgate Cemetery. His committee was kept busy over the years finding money to clean the monument after numerous attempts to deface it. The most serious of these was in 1970 when it was seriously damaged by an explosion.

Rothstein was honoured in the Soviet Union and held the Order of the October Revolution and the Order of the Red Banner. Moscow University awarded him an honorary doctorate.

He was married with two children.

JESSIE KESSON



Jessie Kesson, Scottish novelist, died on September 26 aged 77. She was born on October 28, 1916.

BY THE time of her death, Jessie Kesson had lived long enough to witness an unexpected revival of interest in her work. For many years her writing, which included short stories and two novels — *The White Bird Passes* (1958) and *The Glitter of Mica* (1963) — had made few ripples among the British book-buying public. Indeed, she was in her sixties before Edinburgh's publishing world became slowly aware of her work, and in her seventies before the rewards came: the invitations to literary festivals, the requests to lecture, the honorary doctorates and the Virago reprints.

Her subject matter was the life of the common people in northeast Scotland, and her plots were simple. It was a modest landscape, but one which she invested with a sense of trauma and loss. She had a warm, original style and her language was often a delight. In *The Glitter of Mica*, for example, she wrote that one of the characters "was a tight woman, and had she been a ghost, would have grudged giving you a fright".

The success of *Another Time, Another Place* (1983), which was made into a film, certainly helped to speed her recognition. It also made a star of Phyllis Logan who gave a grave, memorable performance as the lonely wife of a farmer, tempted into infidelity with an Italian prisoner of war.

But to an extent Jessie Kesson was always hemmed in — particularly in Scottish literary circles — by her first, autobiographical novel, *The White Bird Passes*, with its harrowing descriptions of a poverty-stricken childhood. "Farmworker's Literary Success" and "Kitchie Deem Writes Play" were typical of the sort of labels with which she had to contend.

She was born Jessie Grant MacDonald, in an Inverness workhouse, and spent her early years in poverty in Elgin. After her mother, a prostitute, contracted syphilis, Jessie was taken into care and spent the rest of her childhood in an orphanage at Skene near Aberdeen.

However, she was a precocious girl academically and was coached by an inspiring teacher to university entrance level. At this point she was determined to become a writer, but the orphanage had other plans and put her out to service on a neighbouring farm. There she met a farm worker, Johnnie Kesson, whom she married in 1936 and with whose quiet support she continued to write.

A chance meeting on a train with Nan Shepherd — a novelist, and then very much the grande dame of local letters — introduced her to the BBC at Aberdeen, which was at the time enjoying a period of rare creativity. Jessie Kesson went on to write a series of radio plays.

However, with a growing family and only a farm labourer's income to depend on, she moved to London with her family, where she led a Bohemian existence writing plays for the BBC and working as an artist's model.

In her free time she continued to write at her kitchen table in Woolworth's notebooks, and her reputation steadily grew. In the event, she published only three novels: *The White Bird Passes* (1958, filmed by the BBC in 1980); *The Glitter of Mica* (1963); *Another Time, Another Place* (1983). She also produced a collection of short stories, *Where the Apple Ripens* (1985), many poems and about 90 radio plays.

John Kesson died only six weeks ago, and she is survived by a daughter and a son.

MARK ABRAMS

Mark Abrams, pioneer of market research in Britain, died on September 25 aged 88. He was born on April 27, 1906.

TOGETHER with Henry Durant, Harry Henry and others who were graduates of the London School of Economics, Mark Abrams helped to establish in the late 1930s the profession that is today the backbone of the marketing and advertising industries. In 1946 he was one of the core that founded the Market Research Society, which still today sets the standards and guides the processes of market research in Britain.

Mark Alexander Abrams was educated in London, first at Latymer School, Edmonton, and then at the LSE. After a period as a research fellow at the Brookings Institute in Washington (a link with survey researchers in the United States which continued throughout his life and strongly influenced his work) he returned to take up a job in the research department of the London Press Exchange. Always a researcher and never a pollster, he led the way in establishing the value of social surveys in modern society, mainly through his market and opinion research company, Research Services, which he founded in 1946, but also through the Market Research Society.

His principled and careful approach to survey design and its execution had far-reaching consequences. The findings, particularly of his opinion surveys, were well publicised and he both wrote and spoke widely about their conduct and uses. For example, he played an influential part in the Labour Party's change of direction in the early 1960s, when a survey carried out by him (and subsequently published by Penguin as *Must Labour Lose?*) provided striking evidence of the extent to which the party had lost touch with changes in the electorate.

Looking like a dishevelled professor, Abrams did not find his welcome assured at first in the upper reaches of the party. Aneurin Bevan was reputed to



have accused him of "wanting to take the poetry out of politics" and, confronted with his opinion surveys, attempted to argue that they were superfluous since "it was the role of the politician to know instinctively what the electorate needs and wants". Hugh Gaitskell, on the other hand, recognised the value of having Abrams on his side in his battle to bring the Labour Party up to date. Once he became leader, Harold Wilson — with his statistical background — was captivated by Abrams's commercially objective and wise analysis of the political market.

Abrams continued to carry out surveys on behalf of the Labour Party and helped to establish their use as a normal and respectable part of the political process. After nearly a quarter of a century, first as managing director and then as chairman of Research Services, he took up another influential post as director of the (then) Social Science Research Council's survey unit, advancing the use of up-to-date survey techniques within the social science community.

What made him such a successful survey researcher was not merely his professional approach but, perhaps more important, that he was motivated by a firm belief that the views of ordinary members of society could be gauged and should be taken into account by decision-makers. He championed many causes, believing, like Mayhew in the 19th century, that only by understanding more about the disadvantaged could their condition be ameliorated.

From long before his own old age he gave his advice and time to causes such as the National Old People's Welfare Council. Later on in his career he helped to set up the Age Concern research unit, which he headed for nearly a decade so that campaigns should be guided by firmly grounded evidence about the lives and circumstances of older people.

He was twice married and is survived by his second wife, Jean, their daughter and a daughter from his first marriage, a son from that same marriage having predeceased him.

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PEACE PLEDGE IN BERLIN

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT
BERLIN, SEPT 28

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Herr Hitler said that the deepest significance of this demonstration of peoples was the sincere wish of their countries to guarantee that peace which was not the reward of a cowardly abdication but the result of a responsible securing of their national, intellectual, and moral welfare as well as of their cultural substance and values. No nation can desire peace more than Germany, but no people have learned to know better the fearful results of weak confidence than ours. For behind us lies a period of 15 years which were a series of oppressions, blackmail, refusal to grant equality, and moral and material want. In that time of bitter trial Italy, and especially Fascist Italy, did not join in the humiliations imposed upon us. It showed in those years understanding for the claims to equality of a great nation. It filled us, therefore, with sincere satisfaction that an hour came in which we could remember that and, I believe, have remembered.

Out of the similar nature of the Fascist and National-Socialist revolutions there is arising today not only a community of views but of action. Fascist Italy through the genius and work of one creative man has become a new Empire. The power of our two Empires forms today the strongest guarantee for the safeguarding of a Europe which still possessed a sense of its cultural mission and does not intend to fall prey to destructive elements.

Signor Mussolini, every word of whose clearly enunciated German was heard by his huge audience, said: "I have come not merely as head of the Italian Government but above all in my capacity as the head of a national revolution, which thereby wishes to give proof of its close connection with your revolution. The course of both revolutions may have been different; but the goal they have wished to reach and have reached is the same: the unity and greatness of the nation. To the whole world, which is asking tensely what the result of this meeting will be, war or peace, the Führer and I can answer with a loud voice: Peace.

ON THIS DAY

September 29 1937

Dr Goebbels, propaganda minister, introducing the speakers, said that three million of the population were taking part "in this historic demonstration of National Socialism", having taken the precaution of first summoning the entire population of Berlin to line the route to the stadium.

Hotels change phone charges

HOTELS are at last starting to give way on excessive phone charges. The Marriott Hotel chain has decided to scrap the access fee for guests using a credit card or freephone. Unfortunately, the decision is limited to Marriott's 140 American hotels, although the London Marriott has decided to abolish charges for freephone numbers. A survey of 29 central London hotels shows that only 12 do not charge for freephone calls. The rest charge an average of £2.50 every time an 0800 number is accessed. Forte emerges as the best-value hotel in London for business travellers using their charge cards to make calls. None of its hotels charges for access to freephones.

ROOM SERVICE

By David Churchill

Too too much

BRITISH hotels are accused of ripping off guests in the latest edition of the *Which? Hotel Guide*. One in three of a random sample of 202 of its readers had a complaint about a hotel..

New maison

KEN McCulloch, the owner of Glasgow's most stylish hotel, One Devonshire Gardens, has opened his second Glasgow hotel, the Malmaison, in a former Victorian church in West George Street. Mr McCulloch has also opened a sister hotel in Edinburgh under the same name. The Edinburgh version, on the Leith waterfront, has 17 rooms, from £70 a night.

Budget chain

HOLIDAY Inn is to open a chain of budget hotels in Britain under the Holiday Inn Express brand name. All will have an average of 80 rooms and will be in big cities, preferably near motorways. Prices are likely to be about £30 a night.

Exodus

THE arrival of Ramon Pajares, new Savoy Group managing director, coincides with a mini exodus of top management from the group's hotels (Savoy, Claridge's, Berkeley and Connaught), even before he has stepped through the revolving front door. Retiring after ten years is Ron Jones, Claridge's general manager, named Hotelier of the Year by a trade magazine earlier this year. Mr Jones, 70, is said to have planned retirement for some time. Leaving after 15 years is Stefano Sebastiani, the Berkeley's general manager. Stuart Johnson, the Savoy's manager and second in command to Herbert Striessnig, general manager, is also going.

Far from staying home to vegetate, Britain's over-50s are getting out and about, reports **Marianne Curphey**

Saga battles for grey market

TONY WHITE



So many Britons are retiring early that Saga, the largest pensioners' holiday company, has reduced its minimum age for clients from 60 to 50

As more and more people retire early, Britain's largest pensioners' holiday company has reduced its minimum age for clients by ten years to 50.

Saga — which for years required its clients to be at least 60 — announced yesterday that it is responding to market demand and to a survey it commissioned which found that 50 per cent of all employees in major companies retire by 55.

While Saga's decision is significant because of its size and experience in tailoring holidays to meet the demands of the older traveller, a growing number of tour operators are recognising the huge spending power of Britain's greying holidaymakers.

According to forecasts from the Henley Centre, by 2000 the number of people aged between 45 and 59 will increase by 11 per cent — to just under 9 million. The numbers are high because of the proportion of people now approaching middle age who were "baby boomers" and born in the five years after the Second World War.

Roger De Haan, chairman of Saga, says 10 million people over the age of 50 in Britain take at least one holiday a year. Freed from the burdens of supporting a family and paying a mortgage, many middle-aged and retired people have large amounts of disposable income and fewer financial responsibilities.

They buy about 25 per cent of all overseas package holidays and make up a large proportion of those taking short breaks within the United Kingdom.

Roger Heape, managing director of British Airways Holidays, says many older people are celebrating retirement, wedding anniversaries or second honeymoons and are willing to spend more money for the extra comfort. "About 20 per cent of people travelling with us to the Caribbean 'upgrade' to Club Class," he says. "Many others are prepared to buy tailor-made packages. Some are using money they have recently inherited to go on worldwide tours."

Sue Ockwell, of the Association of Independent Travel Agents, says that the over-50s are "fitter and more adventurous" than previous generations, and even when in their 70s are not afraid to pursue active sports such as skiing.

THE TOP TEN

Saga's top ten holiday destinations:

1. Algarve
2. Majorca
3. Spanish Paradors
4. Bournemouth
5. Rhine Cruise
6. Cyprus
7. Harrogate
8. Palm Springs, California
9. Scandinavian cruise
10. UK bridge holidays

"People are retiring earlier and are healthier than ever before," Rosemary Astles, marketing director of Thomson, Britain's biggest tour operator, says.

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What will be the consequences for consumers and trained agencies now that a new player has joined the market?

Television goes into the travel business

The extraordinary power of television to mould the buying habits of armchair customers is about to be unleashed on the package-holiday and travel industry. From Monday, it will be possible to watch a film or video of holiday destinations then book immediately, by telephone, the holiday described.

It is a revolutionary — but seemingly inevitable — move which will almost certainly trigger criticism from those who think the TV screen already exerts too much influence on consumers.

The development will also be viewed with horror by many high-street travel agents, who fear that the traditional way of buying foreign travel may eventually be replaced by electronic purchasing, leading to travel-agency closures.

TV travel journalists, who pride themselves on their independence and authority by visiting and if necessary criticising featured destinations, will complain that the showing of films produced by a particular tour operator or tourist board will lower standards and bring their profession into disrepute. The Independent Television Commission, which has approved the scheme, will be watching the programmes carefully to ensure they do not break any terms of the code of conduct under which the licence to transmit was issued.

Sky television, which is launching the *Sky Travel Service*, insists it can only benefit the consumer. The travel channel will run from Monday to Thursday inclusive, noon to midnight, and on Fridays until 6pm.

It will show a rolling, and often-repeated, series of travel documentaries, background films and programmes bought in from film companies around the world. For example, it will use material which is at least two years old produced by the Thames Television travel programme *Wish You were Here*, but, in the jargon of the producers "reversioned" for Sky, which says it has 3.6 million subscribers.



The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Such a programme should be fairly uncontroversial and little more than moving wallpaper for the housebound. The one potentially contentious programme will begin at 8pm and last for an hour each night when the *Sky Travel Guide* makes special offers and invites viewers to buy them over the phone. In reality, the holidays being offered are organised by the Thomas Cook travel chain, which persuaded leading tour operators to offer big discounts as part of the special offers. Now callers will be connected to Thomas Cook staff in Peterborough, who will take their bookings.

Eventually, it is hoped, fully interactive television will replace the telephone way of booking, enabling subscribers to book holidays at the push of a button.

The implications are enormous. If the idea succeeds, should ITV or even the BBC be allowed to do the same? Will holidaymakers of the future still need to speak over the counter to a travel-agency clerk, or will they be happy to spend hundreds of pounds by making a phone call, provided they can save money by so doing?

We could be on the verge of a technological revolution which will enable travellers to make bookings more quickly and cheaply than ever before. Or, if the critics are to be believed, we could be facing the ultimate futuristic electronic horror with mischievous children or exhausted parents able to book entire family packages after watching the travel programme, and regretting it later.

Whatever happens, it is clear that travel and tourism are now of such crucial economic importance that no government can afford to give them less than priority. The British Government was told last week by the World Travel and Tourism Council that the industry will account for 12.3 per cent of gross domestic product and one in eight jobs in the UK next year, and that over the next decade it will probably rise by a further 25 per cent in real terms.

Britain's reliance on tourism is less than that of many countries, which would dearly love to have images of their resorts and tourist attractions displayed on TV. The question is whether the millions of consumers idly watching their screens should be encouraged to see them and then, in a possible state of susceptibility, phone to make a booking.

Airlines to fight the Tunnel flyer

Eurostar is gearing up to offer a price-busting 18-minute cross-Channel service, says **Steve Keenan**

Eurostar has been operating rail services to Paris and Brussels through the Channel Tunnel since August 17 — but fare-paying passengers have yet to enter the £130 million international terminal at London Waterloo and board the high-speed trains.

Only family and friends of Eurostar staff have made the twice-weekly journey. Both Eurostar and the car-carrying Le Shuttle service were this week waiting for a final blessing from the Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) to start operations.

Agreement remains close, with appraisals of emergency procedures and security issues the last hurdle. Meanwhile, onboard tests continue with the fastest journey through the 31-mile Tunnel currently standing at 18.38 minutes.

Up to a month is needed to market the service and take bookings, so the tentative starting date of October 23 is under pressure. The service is now expected to start in November.

Eurostar will begin with two departures daily to both Paris and Brussels. Prices will start at under £100 return to Paris.

The company is not running its own tour operation but has 74 UK tour operators on its books that want to feature the service. It intends, initially, to work with up-market City-break operators that it considers are right for its image.

The delays have meant that Eurostar was too late for ski brochures this year and it has shelved plans to operate connecting services at Lille for ski trains to the French Alps.

While Eurostar expects 82 per cent of traffic to be leisure passengers, it is heavily targeting the 18 per cent of high-yield business customers who are expected to contribute 40 per cent of revenue.

The company will announce prices to Paris in its first-class carriages well below the £240 business class air fare currently offered by British Airways and Air France.

Eurostar's ERS booking system has been under test for months. But the airlines believe they know the real fare levels, and are ready to retaliate with competitive prices on business and leisure fares.

BA's World Fares had a limited number of £59 tickets available for travel this November, showing how far prices could fall.

Meanwhile, the opening-up last spring of the second Paris airport, Orly, has allowed BA, Air UK and British Midland to split services between Charles de Gaulle and Orly, the closest airport to La Defense business district in Paris. BA also relaunched its Club Europe brand this month.

The airlines can also point to frequent flyer promotions, such as Air Miles, to protect their market. Travellers from UK regional airports, or those flying on to other cities via Paris, are also less likely to switch to rail.

Around 40 per cent of the 1.12 million Air France passengers carried between London and Paris in 1992 travelled onwards or connected to another airline. The Paris rail service will take three hours, and an additional 15 minutes to Brussels.

It is planned to build up to 15 Eurostar departures a day to each city by 1996 — giving a capacity of 40,000 passengers daily — the equivalent of 100 full jumbo jets leaving Waterloo every day.

The sheer volume will undoubtedly expand the Paris and Brussels market, with the Department of Trade and Industry predicting that 77 per cent of travellers to Paris will transfer to rail. Eurostar itself expects 40 per cent of traffic to come from airlines.

With the number of air travellers to Paris now standing at 3.3 million passengers and to Brussels 1.7million, the airlines will defend their markets stoutly.

Disney offers a journey into the Twilight Zone, including a 13-storey drop in a runaway elevator



It looks like a hotel — but inside lurks Disney's new Tower of Terror in Florida

Terror ride opens tonight

Walt Disney's chairman, Michael Eisner, will tonight officially open Disney's newest, costliest and most terrifying ride — the Twilight Zone Tower of Terror at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

The attraction involves taking visitors through a derelict Hollywood hotel based on the television serial, then dropping them 13 storeys in a runaway elevator.

The attraction is Disney's most expensive, costing about £25 million according to industry sources. Disney will not reveal the exact cost.

The Tower of Terror is the start of a huge expansion of the Florida theme park, which opened 23 years ago. Disney is investing heavily in Disney World to counter falling attendances.

Among the new attractions due to open in the coming months is a revamped Tomorrow Land in the Magic Kingdom theme park. At Epcot, also in Orlando, Disney plans to upgrade most of the ten-year-old attractions and add new ones. Just opened is Innoventions, a science-based showcase of new products.

Other developments include Blizzard Beach — a "winter" sports resort in Florida — and two 2,000-room budget hotels, both aimed at the British market. The hotels cost about $45 (less than £30) a room a night and sleep up to four people, cheaper than Disney hotels such as the Grand Floridian hotel where rooms cost at least £200 a night.

Opening before Christmas at Disney's Pleasure Island entertainment complex will be a huge Planet Hollywood restaurant. Next year, Disney opens the Disney Institute, which will allow adults to take entertainment-based study courses while on holiday at the resort.

> Attractions will include a revamped Tomorrow Land

For Mr Eisner, tonight's official opening ceremony is also the tenth anniversary of his arrival as Disney's top executive. When he joined the company, it had just fought off an unwanted takeover bid. The company created by the late Walt Disney seemed to have lost its way.

A decade later, Mr Eisner has increased the company's profits tenfold to a predicted £1 billion this year. He has also made the Disney studios among the most successful in Hollywood, with films like *Pretty Woman*, *Three men and a Baby* and the new animated classics including *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*, which has its European premiere next week.

The success has not been without problems, notably the Euro Disney financial crisis and mounting opposition to Disney plans for a new American history theme park just outside Washington DC.

Mr Eisner has also suffered personal tragedy in the death of Frank Wells, his close colleague and company president, in a helicopter accident earlier this year. Mr Eisner recently underwent heart-bypass surgery but is America's highest-paid executive, earning $203 million last year.

DAVID CHURCHILL

Plague warning for British tourists

BRITISH holidaymakers have been warned to stay vigilant when visiting the Indian capital of Delhi and the city of Bombay after a total of 17 cases of pneumonic plague were discovered there this week, *writes Marianne Curphey*.

The Foreign Office has also advised tourists to stay away from the Indian city of Surat, 160 miles north of Bombay, where more than 40 people have died from the disease, which is spread by personal contact. A spokesman said there was "no cause for concern" in major tourist destinations but warned travellers to stay away from crowded places in cities.

British tour operators said this week they would make amendments to their programmes to India if the FO or World Health Organisation (WHO) guidance changed. A spokeswoman for Thomson, Britain's biggest package holiday company, said customers were still being sent to Delhi, but added: "We are in regular touch with the FO."The operator Cox & Kings said it was "abiding strictly by WHO guidelines".

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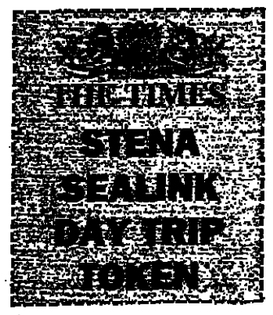
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Old jet beats noise rules

When is a 25-year-old jet allowed to roar into British airports?

When it's registered in Bermuda . . .

Hundreds of first-class long-distance travellers — including more than 80 who will each pay £16,000 to travel around the world on the next Thomas Cook Grand Tour — have been booked to fly in a 25-year-old jet which has been registered in Bermuda to get round strict European noise regulations.

The "flag of convenience" aircraft has been bought by Imperial Airlines, a new British-based company which says it is recreating "the style of luxurious air cruisers of days gone by".

The McDonnell Douglas DC8 jet is now being stripped in Canada and refitted with a maximum of 88 seats. The aim is to provide a standard of service that will attract sophisticated passengers who want to avoid both the perceived stigma of charter air travel and the high cost and overcrowding often found in scheduled airlines.

Like other European countries, however, Britain is trying to limit the number of old and noisy jets to protect those living near airports. Airlines registered in Britain are barred from adding "chapter two" jets — those with old noisy engines — to their existing fleets.

Robin Gibbs, the 49-year-old airline executive behind the creation of Imperial Airlines, said that it was decided to register the aircraft and the company in Bermuda to overcome these regulations.

"We have had a tremendous amount of interest from tour operators in the new airline," he said. "We hope to operate the first charter at the end of October and will be flying regularly by November.

"Although the aircraft is 25 years old, that means nothing because it has been so well maintained and has flown less than half its expected life span." The aircraft, he said, would be maintained in Britain once it was in regular service but would need to carry an additional engineer to service it.

More tour operators are now offering exclusive round-the-world or ultra-long-haul trips and a growing number of companies are also giving successful executives "incentive" holidays as a reward. Thomas Cook's relaunched Grand Tour begins next March.

Under existing international legislation aircraft can fly into any European country provided they are registered in a "foreign" country recognised by the world's aviation bodies as competent.

There is, however, growing concern about the use of flags of convenience and the Federal Aviation Administration recently banned aircraft from eight countries from flying into America. The British Civil Aviation Authority has no such powers unless it is shown that a particular flight is likely to pose a potential danger. Nor has it any powers to control noise in properly registered foreign aircraft.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Holiday Travel

Travel the world again in the Weekend section this Saturday

Cruising on a clipper: Brian Jackman in the Mediterranean
Skiing — Doug Sager on Italy
Jack Crossley in Ireland

Travel the Internet

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NEWS

Ferry seal fault blamed after 781 die

■ Faulty seals aboard the *Estonia* ferry may have cost the lives of 781 passengers and crew in the Baltic Sea.

As the number of confirmed survivors reached 141, Swedish maritime officials disclosed that inspectors in the Estonian port of Tallinn found the seals unsatisfactory shortly before the ferry set sail on Tuesday night for Stockholm

■ A British survivor told how he was thrown three times from his life raft by high waves, but managed to swim back and scramble aboard to safety.

■ Many of the victims were on board as members of group outings or conferences. Among the passengers were 56 pensioners from Norrköping in Sweden.

■ British maritime safety officials were convinced that only a sudden rush of seawater could have accounted for the instant capsize and sinking ..... Pages 1, 2, 3 and 19

Rail peace vote

Railtrack's signalworkers are expected to begin voting today in favour of a deal which allowed both the company and the RMT to claim victory in the long-running dispute ..... Pages 1, 9

Blood shortage

The supply of blood has reached a critically low level, with hospitals poised to suspend non-emergency operations unless more donors can be found. Only about a day's supply is in stock..... Page 1

Street patrols

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, urged people to walk the streets of their neighbourhood, acting as the "eyes and ears" of the police ..... Page 8

Labour cash hope

The Labour Party could soon be able to run itself between elections without money from the trade unions. John Prescott, the deputy leader, says in an interview with *The Times* ..... Page 11

Bullied girl's death

A 12-year-old girl has been found hanging by her own dressing gown cord after claims that she suffered playground taunts over her red hair ..... Page 6

Legal battlefield

A dispute has erupted between barristers and solicitors over court work with the Bar planning to report the Law Society to the Office of Fair Trading..... Page 9

Plague spreads

The plague has now spread to eight Indian states. More than 1,000 cases are suspected nationwide, and there are 600 in Surat, the town where it was first reported ..... Page 15

Regional cancer risks

Huge variations in the incidence of cancer, the treatment given and the chances of recovery are revealed in a report..... Page 4

US Haiti fears

The Haitian parliament was expected to meet for the first time in more than a year amid growing fears that the United States is being dragged further into a conflict it cannot control ..... Page 14

Nato doubts

Willy Claes, the Belgian Foreign Minister, will today be formally named as Nato's Secretary-General, but doubts about his suitability for the post still persist ..... Page 13

Indonesia campaign

Amnesty International has launched a campaign against alleged human rights abuses in Indonesia and the occupied territory of East Timor ..... Page 15

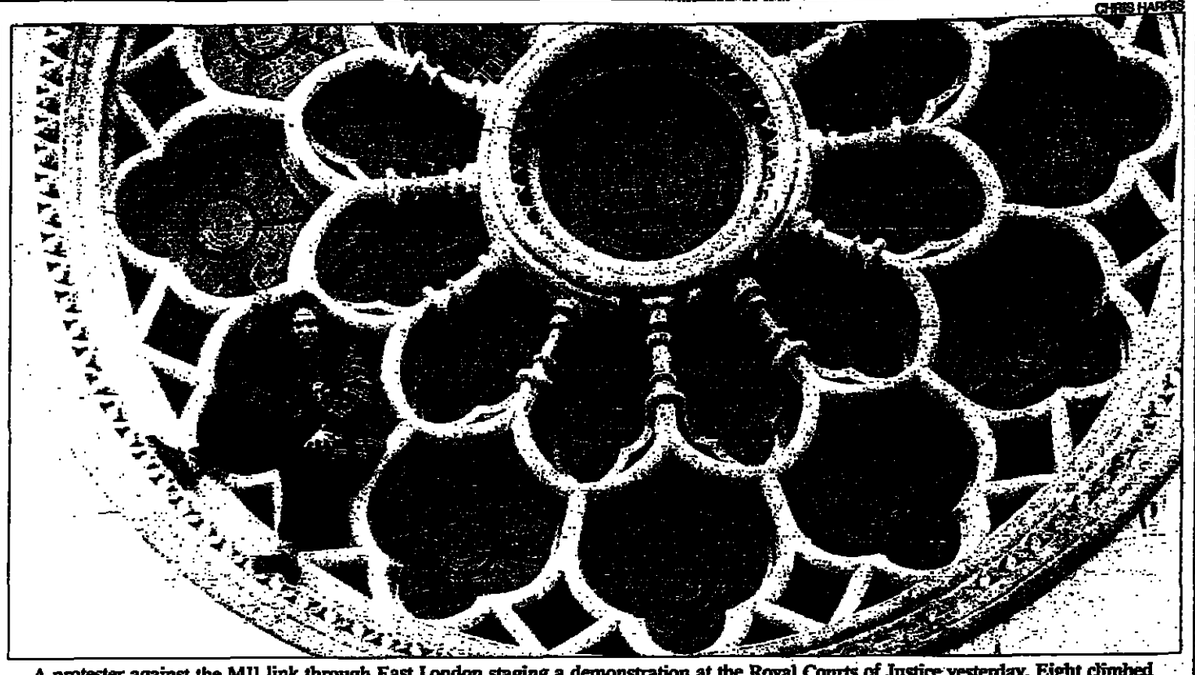
African aid plea

Britain has called on the United Nations to help African countries to meet the growing demand for peacekeeping troops on the continent, in the light of the genocide in Rwanda ..... Page 15

Russian welcome in the White House

■ President Clinton toasted "Boris and Naina". President Yeltsin toasted "Bill and Hillary". Informality was the hallmark of the White House state dinner, so much so that the Russian leader ended up singing along with the Yale Russian Chorus as it performed, at his request, his favourite Russian folk song ..... Page 14

CHRIS HARRIS



A protester against the M11 link through East London staging a demonstration at the Royal Courts of Justice yesterday. Eight climbed through windows and were talked down by police. The Transport Secretary won an injunction banning nine campaigners from the road site

BUSINESS

Pensions ruling: Employers face claims for up to £10 billion in pensions benefits following a ruling in the European Court of Justice that part-time workers should have the same pension benefits as full-time workers ..... Page 25

Nuclear plea: British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) wants the Government to abandon its free-market energy policy to ensure that nuclear power has a future ..... Page p25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index closed up 30.2 at 3,038.7 as investors relaxed after the Federal Reserve decided to peg US interest rates. The pound closed at DM 2.4407, up slightly. Against the dollar it rose slightly to close at $1.5782. The trade-weighted index increased 0.1 to 79.8 ..... Page 28

SPORT

Football: Graeme Hogg and Craig Levein, Hearts defenders, have been suspended for ten matches after they traded punches in a pre-season game against Raith Rovers ..... Page 48

Cricket: Michael Bevan scored an impressive 82 on his Test debut for Australia, who made 325 for seven on the opening day of the first match against Pakistan in Karachi ..... Page 46

Hockey: England have withdrawn as hosts of the Champions Trophy next year because the new national centre in Milton Keynes will not be completed in time ..... Page 42

Racing: A plan to turn Kempton Park into a floodlit all-weather racing and leisure venue is expected to be produced next year ..... Page 43

Loach on form: Ken Loach's controversial new film, *Ladybird Ladybird*, is a powerful portrayal of a battle between social workers and a mother over the custody of her children; while *Speed*, starring Keanu Reeves and Dennis Hopper, is the ultimate Hollywood chase movie ..... Page 35

West End disappointment: Bill Kenwright's new nostalgia musical is devoted to the life and career of Roy Orbison. But *Only the Lonely*, says Jeremy Kingston, is a lame tribute ..... Page 36

High-rise art: Is it a bank, or is it an art gallery? The Frankfurt headquarters of Deutsche Bank has been turned into one of Germany's most valuable, and unexpected, art collections ..... Page 37

Meeting a Beetle: "The doubledoors swung open and he walked in confidently, stretching out his arm for a firm handshake. Later, he was honest enough to say that he had been feeling nervous." Dalya Alberge meets Paul McCartney ..... Page 16

Horror story: "Within six hours of being admitted to hospital I went into respiratory arrest and spent the following 11 days in a coma." An American vet describes how she caught the plague ..... Page 17

Out and about: As more people retire early, Britain's largest pensioners' holiday company has reduced its minimum age for clients by ten years to 50 ..... Page 22

Reviews: Norman Stone on the new Russia; Lord Longford's autobiography; Peter Ackroyd on *Time and the Priestleys* ..... Pages 38, 39

Every effort should be made to make President Aristide the political beneficiary of the lifting of the remaining international sanctions —*The Washington Post*

Further arms cuts would alleviate concern about the theft or misuse of Russia's remaining nuclear weapons —*The New York Times*

TOP WRITERS IN THE TIMES TODAY



Caitlin Moran, pop columnist, on modern music and modern musicians

Philip Howard, lexicologist and writer on contemporary communication

Valerie Grove, author and writer of the Friday interview for *The Times*

Clement Freud on talking golf with Ian Botham in *Freud on Friday*

Julia Llewellyn Smith on the peculiar charm of Dave Allen, comedian

The fictional television news team is back with more topical barbs and office intrigues in the prize-winning comedy, *Drop the Dead Donkey* (Channel 4, 10pm) ..... Page 47
Radio, page 46

Death at sea

The international inquiry, which must inevitably now follow the tragedy of the ferry *Estonia*, should galvanise the rest of the world into adopting the most rigid standards for these inherently unstable vehicles ..... Page 19

The yes generation

A report published by *Demos* finds that today's young are more optimistic than their counterparts of 20 years ago ..... Page 19

French screen idle

The paralysis of the French film industry is hardly a matter for rejoicing in Britain. We are a broad-minded people who have no cause to fear excellence in culture from France, the United States or any other nation ..... Page 19

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

There is never enough courage in the world, particularly not enough romantic courage. I cannot understand why the Frasers were not wiped out fighting duels, since the duel must have been extraordinarily attractive to them, given its associations ..... Page 18

JANET DALEY

Asking fathers to be more like mothers is more likely to undermine their self-esteem. And the unique contribution that they might have made as "traditional" fathers will have been discredited ..... Page 18

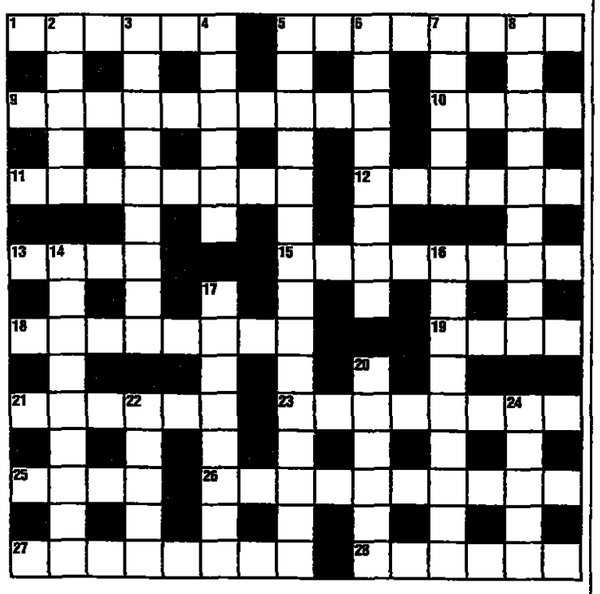
PHILIP BASSETT

The signalworkers' strike was a dispute that ran off the rails, but now at least the trains are back on track ..... Page 18

Harry Saltzman, film producer; Andrew Rothstein, Marxist historian and founding member of the Communist Party of Great Britain; Jessie Kesson, novelist; Mark Abrams, pioneer of market research in Britain ..... Page 21

Home Secretary's rejection of calls for extra youth spending ... Page 19

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,660



ACROSS

1 Endlessly debate sporting event (6).
5 Zola's novel requires changing at beginning and end (8).
9 What might record an ice-cream melting (4,6).
10 Fibre shown by an old German (4).
11 Finish off with a left in contest (8).
12 Face a matron in this hat (6).
13 Noted operatic heroine (4).
15 Letter written in what sounds like good pencil lead (8).
18 Recaptured a number all at the same time (8).
19 Move slowly in church (4).
21 Garment for winter, or one in spring? (6).
23 Subtle meaning evident to me (8).
25 Covering for shoulders and head (4).
26 The Sweeney, it's turned out, produced this sort of voyeur (3-7).
27 Sell Tate works? A long dispute is the result (8).
28 See about getting beer in place for event (6).

DOWN

2 I'm entering name of architect (5).
3 Lots held by police on eastern part of City (9).
4 Young chap man might have to face in the morning (6).
5 Show put on for the importunate? (3,7,5).
6 Notepaper ordered has become available again (8).
7 Native who's often honest (5).
8 Car rug I cleaned, to begin with using machine (9).
14 Introduce anagram into a clue (9).
16 Reason for antimacassar crumpling into chair (4,5).
17 Curtailed beach cricket match is over very quickly (8).
20 Chap holding broadcast up in a row (6).
22 Argue for quiet with heavy metal (5).
24 Like an organ part taken as allegro (5).

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,659

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Southampton, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Kirkwall, Orkney, 0.53in; highest sunshine: Torquay, Devon, 10.7hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** most of England and Wales will start cloudy with some mist patches. Western parts are likely to be dull with a little drizzle. Late in the morning it should begin slowly to brighten up, particularly in the east. Northern Ireland, southern Scotland and Shetland are expected to be cloudy, with patchy rain breaking out late in the day. The rest of Scotland will have a wet day.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N:** cloudy morning with mist patches. Bright afternoon. Wind westerly light. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales:** dull morning with patchy drizzle. Cloudy afternoon, but dry. Wind southwest light. Max 16C (61F).

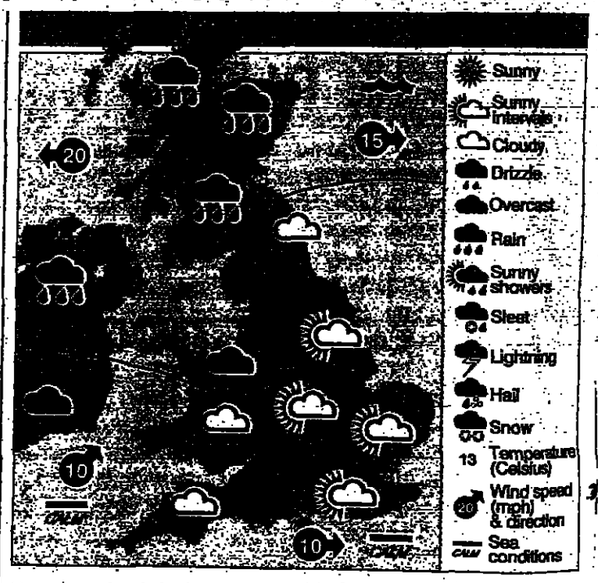
☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** cloudy with occasional drizzle. Rain in the north later. Wind southwest moderate. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** cloudy. A few showers later. Wind southwest moderate to fresh. Max 15C (59F).

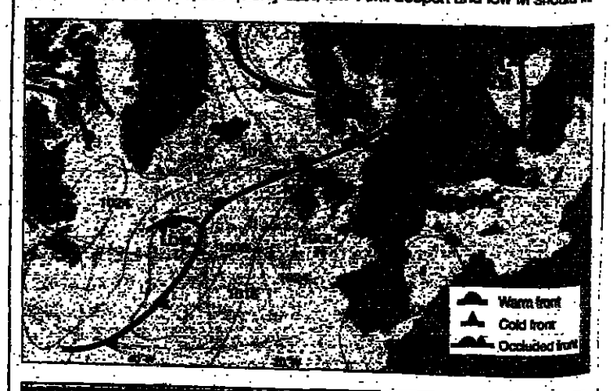
☐ **Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney:** widespread rain, heavy at times. Wind southwest fresh to strong. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Shetland:** mainly dry and bright. Some rain possible later in the day. Wind northeast moderate. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain in the north on Friday, moving into the south for Saturday.



Changes to chart below from noon: high N will move slowly south and decline; low L will deepen and move quickly east; low T will deepen and low M should fill



24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.5	-	11	52	b
Anglesey	1.3	-	16	61	c
Aspatria	6.6	-	15	59	b
Aviemore	8.1	-	11	52	s
Belfast	2.5	-	13	55	c
Birmingham	2.6	-	15	59	c
Bognor R	6.3	-	20	68	s
Bournem'th	9.3	-	19	66	s
Bristol	8.5	-	18	64	s
Buxton	-	X	11	52	r
Cardiff	8.7	-	16	61	s
Cleethorpes	3.1	0.05	15	59	r
Colwyn Bay	0.1	-	15	59	c
Cromer	7.8	-	16	61	s
Doncaster	0.6	-	15	59	c
Dunbar	4.1	-	15	59	b
Eastbourne	7.4	-	18	64	s
Edinburgh	6.2	-	14	57	s
Eskdalemuir	7.5	0.04	13	55	s
Exmouth	5.2	-	17	63	s
Falmouth	X	-	17	63	s
Fishguard	0.5	-	14	57	c
Folkestone	6.6	-	20	68	b
Glasgow	9.5	0.02	13	55	s
Guernsey	8.4	-	18	64	s
Hastings	8.5	-	20	68	b
Hayling I.	6.1	-	19	66	s
Herne Bay	7.6	-	18	64	s
Hove	6.3	-	18	64	s
Hunstanton	3.4	-	15	59	b
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	1.9	0.02	15	59	c
Jersey	7.1	-	19	66	s
Kinloss	5.5	0.04	11	52	sh
Leeds	3.3	-	17	63	s
Lerwick	5.3	0.32	7	45	sh
Leuchars	9.3	-	14	57	s
Llandrindod	5.5	-	20	68	s
Liverpool	0.5	0.03	14	57	c
London	4.3	-	18	64	b
Lowestoft	5.4	-	17	63	b
Manchester	-	0.08	13	55	r
Margate	7.9	-	17	63	s
Minehead	7.7	-	16	61	s
Morecambe	2.6	-	15	59	b
Newcastle	3.5	-	15	59	c
Newquay	X				
Norwich	3.7	-	16	61	s
Nottingham	2.8	0.01	14	57	c
Oxford	6.3	-	17	63	s
Penzance	7.2	-	17	63	s
Plymouth	5.2	-	17	63	s
Poole	6.9	-	20	68	s
Prestatyn	X	-	15	59	c
Ross-o-wye	7.6	-	18	64	s
Ryde	6.0	-	20	68	s
Salcombe	9.2	-	19	66	s
Sandown	6.9	-	19	66	s
Saunton Snd	6.3	-	15	59	s
Scarboro'	3.2	-	15	59	b
Scilly Isles	3.6	-	16	59	b
Shanklin	6.9	-	19	66	b
Shrewsbury	0.9	-	14	57	c
Skegness	5.0	-	18	64	b
Southend	5.9	-	18	64	b
Southport	1.2	0.02	15	59	sh
Stornoway	5.0	0.06	10	50	sh
Swanage	9.3	-	19	66	s
Teignmouth	8.0	-	19	66	s
Tenby	3.5	-	15	59	c
Tiree	6.4	0.03	12	54	s
Torquay	10.7	-	20	68	s
Tynemouth	2.8	-	14	57	c
Ventnor	7.5	-	18	64	s
Weymouth	8.4	-	18	64	s

These are Tuesday's figures

Ajaccio	24	75	s	C'phagn	11	52	f	Madrid	19	66	f	Riyadh	36	97	s
Alicante	28	82	s	Corfu	30	86	s	Majorca	22	72	f	Rome	23	73	f
Alex'dria	28	84	s	Dublin	14	57	c	Malaga	23	73	s	Salzburg	15	59	r
Algiers	27	81	f	Dubrovnik	28	82	f	Malta	29	84	s	S F'isco	17	63	f
Amst'dm	18	61	s	Faro	23	73	s	Melb'rne	14	57	f	Santiago	24	75	s
Athens	30	86	s	Florence	24	75	s	Mexico C	20	68	s	S Paulo	14	57	d
Bahrain	36	95	s	Frankfurt	17	63	c	Miami	29	84	f	Seoul	25	77	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Funchal	22	72	c	Milan	23	73	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	19	66	s	Montreal	20	68	f	Stkholm	X		
Barcelona	22	72	f	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Moscow	14	57	f	Strasb'rg	19	66	f
Beirut	28	82	f	Helsinki	9	48	f	Munich	16	61	c	Sydney	20	68	s
Belgrade	26	79	s	Hong K	28	79	f	Nairobi	28	82	f	Tangier	25	77	s
Berlin	15	59	f	Innsbruck	19	66	f	Naples	25	77	f	Tel Aviv	29	84	f
Bermuda	32	90	s	Istanbul	28	82	s	N Delhi	32	90	s	Tenerife	24	75	f
Biarritz	19	66	f	Jeddah	39	102	s	N York	21	70	r	Tokyo	21	70	r
Borde'x	17	63	c	Jo'burg	27	81	s	Nice	22	72	s	Toronto	19	66	c
Brussels	17	63	f	Karachi	32	90	s	Oslo	11	52	s	Tunis	28	82	f
Budapst	23	73	f	L Palmas	25	77	f	Paris	19	66	f	Valencia	20	68	f
B Aires	17	63	s	Le Tquet	18	64	f	Peking	23	73	f	Vanc'ver	19	61	f
Cairo	32	90	s	Lisbon	25	77	s	Perth	17	63	c	Venice	23	73	f
Cape Tn	16	61	f	Locarno	23	73	f	Prague	13	55	c	Vienna	19	66	c
Chicago	13	55	c	L Angels	28	82	f	Reykjavik	5	41	f	Warsaw	13	55	f
Ch'church	X			Luxembg	15	59	c	Rhodes	29	84	s	Wash'ton	25	77	s
Cologne	16	61	f	Luxor	38	97	s	Rio de J	19	66	f	Zurich	17	63	c

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

ABROAD

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.12	6.8	7.53	5.6
Aberdeen	1.32	3.3	8.12	3.4
Avonmouth	-	-	12.39	9.5
Belfast	5.11	2.8	5.40	3.0
Cardiff	-	-	12.22	8.61
Devonport	11.30	4.3	-	-
Dover	5.29	5.1	6.01	5.1
Falmouth	11.00	4.1	11.42	3.9
Glasgow	6.44	3.9	7.05	4.2
Harwich	5.34	3.3	6.13	3.2
Holyhead	4.36	4.2	5.14	4.4
Hull	-	-	12.43	5.42
Ilfracombe	11.59	5.61	-	-
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Leith	8.35	4.3	9.08	4.3

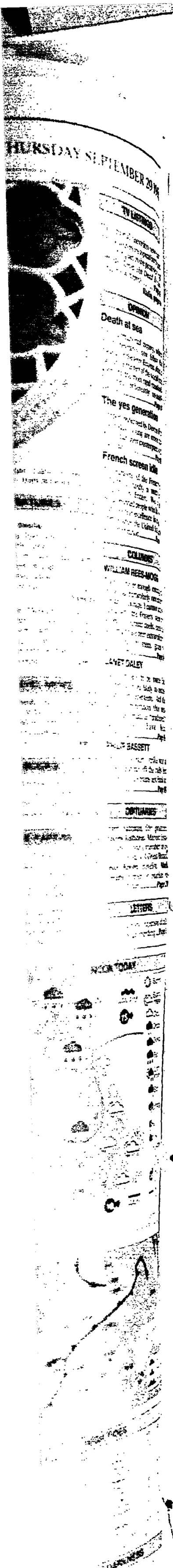
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Lowestoft	3.24	2.2	4.44	2.1
Margate	6.57	3.8	6.48	3.8
Milford Haven	-	-	12.20	5.0
Newquay	11.20	5.1	-	-
Oban	-	-	12.46	2.9
Penzance	10.48	4.3	11.31	4.1
Portland	11.40	1.4	-	-
Portsmouth	5.11	3.8	5.35	3.8
Shoreham	5.21	4.5	5.58	4.6
Southampton	4.50	3.7	5.20	3.7
Swansea	-	-	12.33	6.9
Tees	10.09	4.0	10.38	4.1
Wilton-on-Nze	6.19	3.4	6.00	3.3

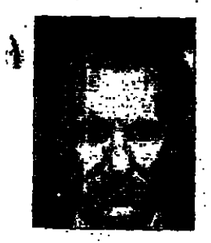
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Sun rises: 6.57 am — Sun sets: 6.44 pm
Moon sets: 3.37 pm — Moon rises: 12.04 am
New Moon October 4

London 6.44 pm to 6.59 am
Bristol 6.53 pm to 7.09 am
Edinburgh 6.54 pm to 7.13 am
Manchester 6.51 pm to 6.58 am
Penzance 7.08 pm to 7.20 am

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BNFL urges scrapping of free-market energy policy

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) is calling on the Government to abandon its free-market energy policy and intervene to ensure a future for nuclear power in Britain. It is not asking for subsidies, however. Instead, it wants pollution penalties imposed on generators using fossil fuels, to force up the price of power until nuclear becomes economic.

In its submissions to the Government's nuclear review, released yesterday, the state-owned atomic fuels group also calls for a commitment to nuclear power to sustain its own growing role as an importer and reprocessor of spent radioactive fuel rods from abroad.

Nuclear industry workers, in a joint trade union submission, endorsed calls for intervention. If no more nuclear plants were built, the unions said, Britain could become increasingly dependent on imported fossil fuels. They urged the Government to launch a programme of nuclear plant construction. Britain's atomic power stations have become much more efficient since the rest of the electricity industry was privatised four years ago. But even now, Nuclear Electric, the biggest atomic generator, admits that a new pressurised water plant would not be viable without government support.

BNFL says intervention is justified to preserve diversity of electricity supply, and necessary if Britain's commitment to limit carbon dioxide emissions is to be met. "These benefits justify the establishment of an institutional framework to encourage future investment in nuclear power stations," it says.

"If external costs in the form of the proposed European Union carbon/energy tax are added, then under 'level playing field' conditions nuclear would be competitive with all forms of fossil fuel generation." Maintaining Britain's nuclear capacity, which supplies about a quarter of electricity used, would also provide a bedrock of work for the nuclear engineering industry, the company says.

John Guinness, the chairman, emphasised yesterday that BNFL could finance expansion from its own resources. He argued, however, that a strong domestic atomic power industry was vital for the company's continued success. "We only ask the Government to reaffirm its support for the continuation of safe and economic nuclear power as a long-term contribution to the UK's electricity supplies," he said.

This would "support BNFL's credibility" as a leading supplier to the international nuclear services market. Mr Guinness offered no view as to whether BNFL should be privatised. His job, he said, was to ensure it functioned efficiently, so it could be privatised if the Government decided to sell. Existing legislation allows up to 49 per cent of the company to be sold without reference to Parliament.

To enhance the clarity of its accounting, and make itself more readily privatisable, BNFL plans to set up a subsidiary to manage its nuclear liabilities. This will handle decommissioning of redundant plants and disposal of radioactive waste.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3038.7	(+30.2)
Yield	4.16%	
FT-SE A All share	1519.76	(+12.20)
Nikkei	19507.60	(+38.71)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3885.25	(+23.21)*
S&P Composite	465.00	(-2.95)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	4¾%*	(4⅝%)
Long Bond	96¹⁵⁄₃₂*	(96¹⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.81%*	(7.84%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	5⅝%	(5⅝%)
Life long gilt future (Sep)	100	(99)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5760*	(1.5798)
London:		
$	1.5753	(1.5775)
DM	2.4409	(2.4416)
FFr	8.3310	(8.3370)
SFr	2.0235	(2.0227)
Yen	155.56	(154.91)
£ Index	79.8	(79.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5485*	(1.5436)
FFr	5.2868*	(5.2675)
SFr	1.2835*	(1.2780)
Yen	98.76*	(98.11)
$ Index	62.0	(62.0)

Tokyo close Yen 98.13

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov) $16.45 ($16.35)

GOLD

London close $395.95 ($395.45)

* denotes midday trading price

IoD decries £10bn cost of new law

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS AND SARA MCCONNELL IN LONDON

EMPLOYERS yesterday called for a ban on court rulings that allow people to claim rights retropectively, landing businesses and individuals with large bills for compensation.

The call from the Institute of Directors follows a ruling in the European Court of Justice that part-time workers have the right to join an employer's pension scheme and receive backdated benefits.

In a landmark ruling that surprised some lawyers, the court set no limit on backdating of pension rights. As a result, part-time workers are able to join occupational pensions schemes retroactively, from the day they started work at a company, to as far back as 1976. Employers say this could cost them £10 billion and gave warning that the extra costs may put employers off providing schemes for all staff.

The ruling, in a case brought by Anna Vroege, a part-time Dutch worker, against her employer, NCV Institut, will have profound commercial and political implications. It comes as a blow to attempts by Michael Portillo, Employment Secretary, to prevent a planned European directive to come into force that would guarantee equivalent entitlement rights for part-time workers. The judgment also underlines suspicions by Eurosceptics that harmonisation of social legislation in Europe may be brought about through the legal back door.

Tim Melville-Ross, director general of the IoD, called for an "early meeting" of the Council of Ministers to prevent any more retrospective rulings. He said: "The plug has got to be pulled on European law, which has such perverse effects. It is a principle of British law that we do not have retrospective legislation. This judgment will cost British business millions of pounds but will have little effect in other member states, which do not have the great advantage of Britain's funded company pensions."

Ron Amy, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, said: "The retrospective judgment could seriously damage some employers. Employers do not have to set up pension schemes and if they are to be encouraged to do so they must have total confidence about the costs they are incurring. If these costs can be increased retrospectively by decisions outside their control, then employers will be discouraged from running schemes".

The companies hardest hit by the ruling are those that run non-contributory pension schemes and now face a flood of claims from part-time staff.

Yesterday's decision was one of six pension rulings aimed at eliminating the uncertainty that arose out of the Barber judgment of 1990, in which the principle of equal pension rights was laid down.

In its ruling on one test case, Avdel Systems, the court said employers could raise women's retirement ages after 1990 in the name of equality. But from the date of the Barber judgment in May 1990 until the date when the retirement age is raised, benefits must be calculated at the most favourable age for both men and women. Avdel, of Britain, had tried to comply with the Barber judgment by raising the pension age for female staff to 65 in July 1991.

In the case involving Coloroll, the British wallpaper and furnishings group that collapsed in 1989, the court ruled that scheme trustees and employers have a duty to ensure equal treatment of men and women in pension schemes. The trustees of the wound-up schemes can now start paying the £50 million owed to 5,000 pensioners.

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David O'Brien, who could receive the biggest pay-off in building society history

Move on options by ASB

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT

THE Accounting Standards Board wants the Stock Exchange and the Department of Trade to force companies to publish details of the value of directors' share options.

It has made the request as it does not have the power to do so and is acting amid opposition by investors to generous remuneration packages including share option schemes.

The ASB's urgent issues task force gave recommendations to all listed companies yesterday. It suggests annual accounts should reveal the price at which directors have an option to buy shares, the price at which options are exercised and, where they are still outstanding, the current share price. But lawyers advised the task force that company law did not allow it to force companies to reveal the value of directors' share options in annual accounts.

Companies must by law keep a register of directors' options but annual reports need only say the number of shares for which they were given or exercised in the year.

The Cadbury best practice code urges options disclosure as part of total directors' emoluments, which include details for the chairman and top-paid director. The Stock Exchange said it might not be helpful to single out elements that could be covered by Cadbury.

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Wealth divide

The wealth gap between Britain's rich and poor remains as wide as ever, according to a survey published by the Institute for Fiscal Studies. More than half of households have savings of less than £450, leaving those at the bottom end of the wealth scale with no safety net

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UniChem call

To continue its expansion in retail outlets, UniChem, the pharmaceuticals wholesaler and retailer, has announced plans for a £58.4 million rights issue. The company intends to spend £50 million on deals this year, with a further £20 million to come

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O'Brien resigns as chief of N&P

BY ROBERT MILLER

DAVID O'Brien, the chief executive of National & Provincial Building Society, could be in line for the biggest pay-off in society history after resigning yesterday.

No official reason was given for his abrupt departure. Alastair Lyons, N&P's finance director, has been appointed as his successor.

It was revealed this year that Tony FitzSimons, the former chief executive of Bristol & West Building Society, who resigned last September, received a payment of £484,000, including an enhanced pension contribution. In addition, he is receiving £50,000 a year for three years for consultancy services.

Bristol & West is Britain's tenth-largest society, while National & Provincial is the eighth largest, with assets of £13 billion. According to N&P's last report and accounts, Mr O'Brien, who is a director of Asda Group, was paid £325,000 a year. In 1990, Ben Thompson-Macausland, Mr O'Brien's predecessor, also resigned abruptly. The society's annual report at the time stated that he and two other directors, who had also resigned, received total compensation of £370,000.

Lord Shuttleworth, chairman of N&P, said: "Our policy is for the most senior executives to have contracts subject to two years' notice. We will be advised by our lawyers as to our contractual liabilities such as they are."

N&P's planned merger with the Leeds Permanent, the fifth-largest society, of which Mr O'Brien, 53, was to have been chief executive, collapsed in October. But Lord Shuttleworth said that the failure of the merger was not the reason for Mr O'Brien's exit, nor were his management style and methods.

IMF approves of UK's recent interest rate rise

FROM JANET BUSH IN MADRID

THE recent decision to raise British base rates was a "highly desirable initial step" that would help to ensure the economic recovery is sustainable and that substantial falls in unemployment could be achieved, according to the International Monetary Fund.

Michael Mussa, the IMF's research director, said it was important, as the recovery in the world's economy proceeds, that all countries act in advance of actual rises in inflation. He was introducing the latest *World Economic Outlook* before next week's annual meeting here of the IMF and the World Bank.

However, he did not anticipate further rate rises in Britain in the immediate future. He said: "No doubt some time some further tightening will be needed. But the calendar has not been fixed in terms of days, weeks or months."

The IMF said that it was now paramount that government spending was kept under control and urged the Chancellor to lower official spending control totals in his November Budget, a step which it said would be important in further enhancing the credibility of policy.

The World Economic Report made a generally favourable assessment of the economic situation in Britain where it said that the recovery had now gained momentum and unemployment had declined significantly. The IMF revised its forecast for British growth to 3.3 per cent this year compared with the 2.5 per cent it had predicted in May. The Treasury's summer forecast was for growth of 2.75 per cent.

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Signet rings up another disappointment



BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SIGNET, Britain's biggest jewellery group, disappointed the City yesterday by reporting first-half profits that were lower than expected and warning of a slowdown in sales growth in Britain and America. James McAdam, the chairman, insisted, however, that there was still everything to play for, with Christmas, which accounts for 40 per cent of sales, yet to come.

The group, formerly known as Ratners, incurred a pre-tax loss of £25.85 million in the six months to July 30, compared with a £26.95 million loss in the previous period.

Excluding one-off items, the underlying operating loss from ongoing businesses million. Many analysts downgraded their full-year forecasts from between £20 million and £25 million to between £10 million and £15 million.

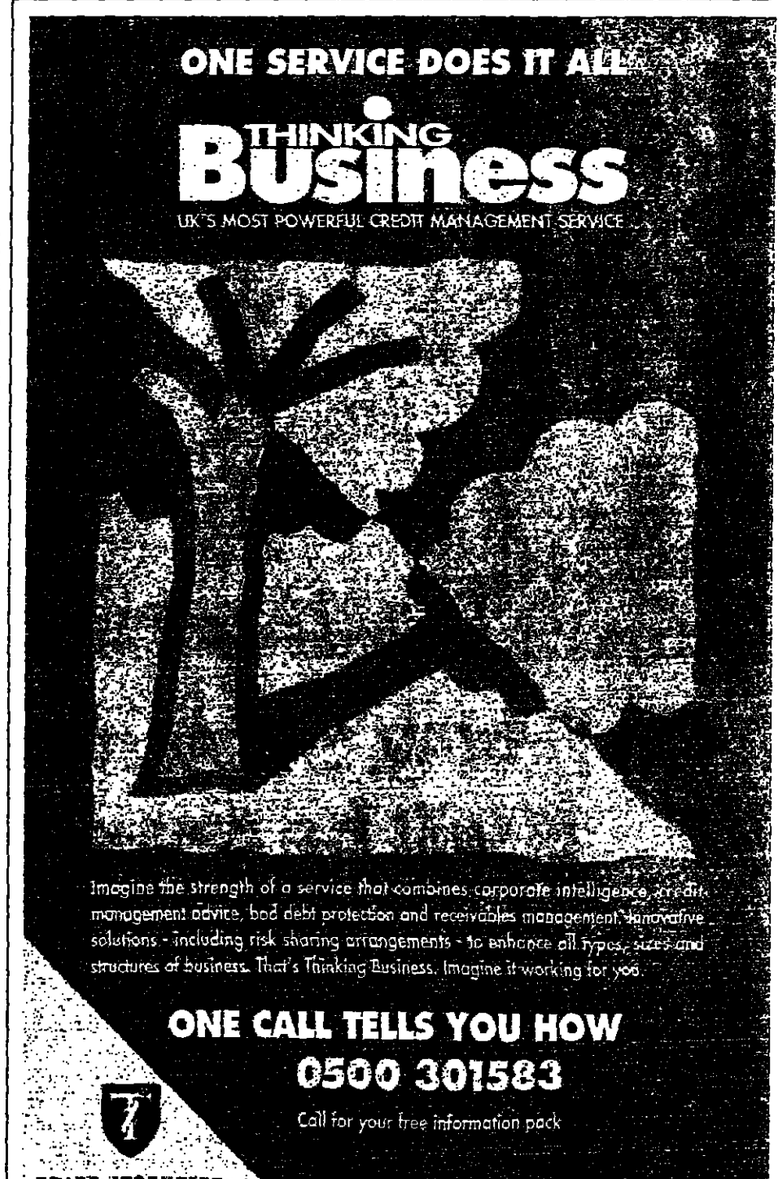
Analysts were also concerned about the softening of sales across the group. The main problem was in America, which accounts for 60 per cent of overall turnover.

Although like-for-like sales rose 6 per cent in the first half, Mr McAdam said that there had been a marked slowdown in the second quarter after tax and interest-rate increases. The weaker trend has continued into the second half.

In Britain, like-for-like sales at H Samuel rose 3 per cent and at Ernest Jones 5 per cent. Mr McAdam said that sales had weakened in September, possibly because of increased consumer spending on clothing. Having reduced costs substantially in the past two years, Mr McAdam said that the group's efforts would be directed towards increasing sales. New store formats are being tested for H Samuel and Ernest Jones, which, if successful, will be rolled out across the chains.

Mr McAdam said that it was still too early to speculate on any likely capital reconstruction in spite of growing restlessness among Signet's preference shareholders, which are owed unpaid dividend payments of £78 million. He ruled out disposals, saying all the chains were an integral part of the group.

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Managers and unions clash over future of Post Office

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government's plan to privatise part of the Post Office ran into further difficulty yesterday as a former PO director attacked the proposal and managers and unions clashed over the corporation's future.

Formal consultation on the Government's Green Paper on the PO's future closes tomorrow. Before that, however, those for and against ministers' favoured option of privatising 51 per cent of Royal Mail and Parcelforce while leaving PO Counters in the public sector stepped up their campaigns.

David Lane, a former director and general manager of Royal Mail National, which is responsible for delivery of letters in Britain, backed postal union opposition to any sell-off and said PO chiefs were wrong to support proposals for separating the Royal Mail from PO Counters. He said many PO managers privately supported his views.

Mr Lane, 38, said that splitting counters from the Royal Mail would lead to office closures and a significant weakening of the PO's network. He said that privatisation would not be the vehicle, as some PO managers believed, for the corporation to maintain its premier world postal standing.

PO managers dismissed Mr Lane's intervention as a publicity stunt, and again advised against any further delay in deciding the PO's future.

Bill Cockburn, the PO's chief executive, said of part-privatisation: "The fact is that there are not any other options on the table. The Government's preferred option meets the needs of counters business, it meets the needs of the Royal Mail and it is the best solution in all of the circumstances." In their evidence on the Green Paper, postal unions, led by the UCW communication workers, claimed that breaking up the PO would be as damaging to the industry as privatisation.

Separation of the three PO businesses would be a "calamitous mistake", which was being pursued not for the benefit of the customer but to maintain the programme of privatisation. Greater commercial freedom for the PO was the "overwhelmingly popular option", but it had not been given sufficient consideration in the Green Paper.

The PO said the unions' response to the Green Paper was unrealistic, and it was "misleading" for the unions to talk about the "break-up" of the corporation. The PO said: "The threat to the Post Office and to jobs and services comes from doing nothing rather than change. The choice is stark: change or decline."

☐ Reservations about the Government's plans are likely to be expressed in the PO Users National Council's evidence, which is expected to be published tomorrow.

ADRIAN BROOKS



David Lane, a former Post Office director, says part-privatisation will close offices and weaken the PO network

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.07
Austria Sch	18.13	16.63
Belgium Fr	53.24	48.84
Canada $	2.226	2.066
Cyprus Cypξ	0.776	0.726
Denmark Kr	10.17	9.37
Finland Mkk	8.30	7.80
France Fr	8.76	8.06
Germany Dm	2.58	2.38
Greece Dr	397.00	362.00
Hong Kong $	12.84	11.84
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2545.00	2390.00
Japan Yen	170.00	153.00
Malta	0.618	0.563
Netherlds Gld	2.877	2.647
Norway Kr	11.25	10.45
Portugal Esc	259.50	241.00
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.47
Spain Pta	209.50	195.50
Sweden Kr	12.34	11.54
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.98
Turkey Lira	REFER	51717.0
USA $	1.676	1.546

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Million new investors attracted to unit trusts

By Liz Dolan

ONE million new investors piled into unit trusts over the past 18 months, according to Philip Warland, director-general of the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds.

This represents an enormous increase on the 1.5 million unitholders that existed previously.

The reasons include falling interest rates, the burgeoning presence of building societies and banks in the unit trust market, and the growing popularity of personal equity plans. Monthly sales of unit trusts to private investors during the 18 months averaged £500 million, compared with a monthly average of just £30 million over the previous year. The pace slowed in August, with net retail sales only just ahead of the July figure — £422 million, compared with £420 million.

UK equity income funds were the most popular, followed by overseas stocks, especially the Far East, North America and international growth funds.

Company planned for merging life insurers

By Patricia Tehan

THE long-awaited restructuring of the UK's life insurance industry has started. Sir Mark Weinberg, a leading innovator in selling financial products, revealed plans to form a company to buy and merge life insurers.

St James's Place Capital, of which Sir Mark is joint chairman, will own 30 per cent of Life Assurance Holding Corporation. Its partner in the venture, also with 30 per cent, is a subsidiary of New York Life Insurance Company. Each will put in £30 million of the firm's £100 million capital.

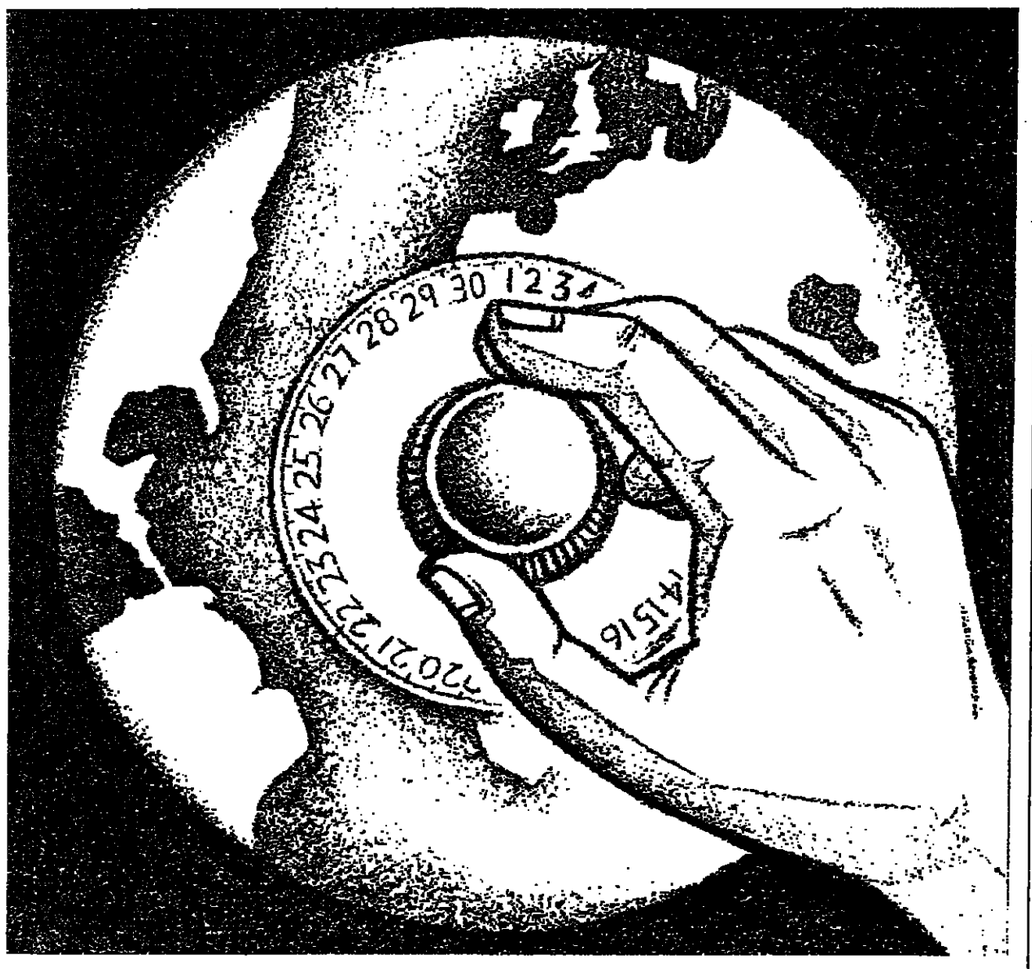
Life Assurance Holding will buy and merge life companies, stop selling new policies and streamline administration.

Sir Mark said regulatory changes coming in next year, particularly rules on disclosure of commission, "make it inevitable that a substantial number of life companies will decide to cease writing new business in the coming years". The overheads of running a life company would increase, making "the minimum critical size of a company bigger than it would otherwise have been".

He added that the next five years were likely to see intensive restructuring. The new company will buy Windsor Life Assurance from New York Life and use it as the vehicle for acquiring life portfolios.

Scottish Amicable, which has links with St James's 51-per-cent-owned J Rothschild Assurance, will subscribe £10 million for a 10 per cent stake; other institutions are expected to put in the rest.

Sir Mark said the new company would be operating by the end of the year.



On Friday, September 30 all will be revealed.

On Friday, September 30 the FT IMF/World Economy Survey will be published with the Financial Times. Its publication is on the eve of the most important date in the financial calendar, the IMF/World Bank Conference, which this year will be held in Madrid.

The survey will include extensive coverage of both macro and micro economic issues, analysis of financial and business trends in selected countries and regions, plus an authoritative assessment of the world's financial markets.

There will also be profiles of some of the world's most influential financial decision makers. It will in fact, be an essential document as background to the proceedings in Madrid as well as an invaluable up-date on financial developments throughout the world.

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Lower minimum wages urged by IMF

From Janet Bush
in Madrid

THE International Monetary Fund has called for industrial countries, particularly those in Europe, to lower their minimum wages and institute a wide range of other policies to make labour markets more flexible.

In remarks that will be unpopular in continental Europe but give ammunition to the Conservative Party against Labour, which backs the introduction of a minimum wage in Britain, the IMF said that renewed world growth would not be enough to tackle stubborn structural unemployment. The question of how to tackle joblessness through freeing up labour markets will be a key area of discussions here over the next week.

The IMF's *World Economic Report*, published today, argues that unemployment insurance and related benefits are excessive in some countries and advocates lowering income support to finance active labour market programmes such as retraining the long-term unemployed and the unskilled.

It is in favour of decentralising wage bargaining and easing employment restrictions, such as those on hiring and firing, short-term contracts, and part-time work.

In a lengthy section titled "Using the Recovery Wisely in the Industrial Countries", the IMF says the other main challenge is to go on reducing large budget deficits, which would help to bring down long-term interest rates and provide an easier climate for investment. It also emphasises the need for industrial countries to raise interest rates well before capacity restraints are hit, so pre-empting inflation.

Michael Mussa, director of research at the IMF, said the IMF wanted countries to formulate policies that would contain inflation and make sure that growth was sustainable.

The IMF's assessment of world economic prospects is more optimistic than in its last report in May. It actually revised up its prediction for world growth for the first time in four years, albeit by only 0.1 per cent from six months ago.

The IMF now expects global output to be 3.1 per cent this year, with the largest contribution continuing to come from developing countries, particularly in Asia.

Industrial countries are now expected to grow by 2.7 per cent this year, a clear improvement on the IMF's May prediction of 2.3 per cent. Developing countries are predicted to grow by 5.6 per cent.

The IMF now expects Germany to grow by 2.3 per cent this year, nearly double its forecast of 1.4 per cent only six months ago.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Store group to appeal in copyright case

UPTON & Southern, the department store group, is to appeal against a magistrates' court decision convicting The Reject Shop, its newly acquired subsidiary, and a former director of infringement of copyright. The Reject Shop and Gordon Black, its former assistant managing director, were found guilty earlier this month of five separate offences of copyright infringement. The offences took place last year, before the takeover by Upton & Southern in March.

Yesterday, the court fined the defendants £2,500. Jeffrey Gould, Upton & Southern's chief executive, said that the group would be making a provision for the fines and legal costs in spite of the decision to appeal. He refused to disclose the amount, but said it would not have a material impact on group profits. Last month, Upton & Southern announced that it was considering legal action against certain former directors of The Reject Shop on the ground that the financial position of the chain had been significantly worse than represented at the time of the acquisition.

Relax controls, says CBI

HOWARD Davies, director-general of the CBI, called on the Government to hand more power back to local authorities to spur economic regeneration. Although many councils are keen to exploit the Chancellor's private finance initiative, they are hampered by central government controls, Mr Davies said. If restrictions on capital allocations were relaxed, local authorities could use land assembly powers to speed the redevelopment of surplus inner city land.

Campari stake taken

BOLSWESSANEN, the expansive Dutch food and drinks group best known in Britain for its Bols brand liqueurs, has agreed to acquire about a third of Campari, the family controlled company. No price was disclosed, but BolsWessanen has undertaken to merge its Italian beverage operations with Campari, based in Milan. BolsWessanen said it was taking the stake to increase profitability and its European activities.

EU steel ultimatum

EUROPEAN Union industry ministers gave the steel industry until November 8 to meet commitments to scale back capacity by 19 million tonnes. If steelmakers do not meet that target, they can no longer count on EU aid in restructuring plans. In February, steel producers pledged to cut output by more than 19 million tonnes a year within three years. They were to receive 240 million ecus (£223 million) in Community aid for three years to help meet the costs.

Ashbourne valuation

ASHBOURNE Holdings, the Glasgow-based nursing homes group, is expected to be valued at about £90 million after a flotation through a placing and offer of shares. Sponsors to the issue will be Charterhouse Bank and the brokers will be Cazenove & Co. Turnover was £21.6 million in the year October 3 last year and operating profits were £5.5 million. The company was the nursing homes division of leisure group Stakis before a management buyout in February last year.

Another step for Lloyd's

LLOYD'S of London has taken a further step towards shortening its accounting cycle from three years to two with the publication of a consultative document. The consultative process, which runs until October 24, was promised in the Lloyd's business plan for reforming the market. David Rowland, chairman, said two-year accounting would be a "radical step forward", giving members an opportunity to benefit from earlier profit distribution.

Yorkshire Water revolt

YORKSHIRE Water faces a shareholder revolt at the annual meeting today over its opposition to Diana Scott, a former chairman of the customer services committee of Ofwat, the water regulator, in Yorkshire, becoming a non-executive director. Mrs Scott, 50, has won the support of North Yorkshire County Council, whose pension fund owns £1 million of shares, and Pensions and Investment Research Consultants, but faces almost certain defeat.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BARTOSZ, KAROL BARTOSZ late of Derby died there 1989 (Estate about £5,000)

BECK otherwise BENTLEY, GLADYS BECK otherwise GLADYS BENTLEY Spinster late of Derby died there on 21 October 1992 (Estate about £4,500)

BUCKLAND, MARK DOUGLAS BUCKLAND late of Wandsworth, London SW18 died at Battersea, London SW11 on 15 November 1993 (Estate about £5,100)

DENFORD, RONALD IVOR DENFORD late of Bradford, Middlesex died at Park Royal, London NW10 on 21 January 1994 (Estate about £6,900)

GRAHAM, ALBERT GRAHAM late of Wisdom London NW10 died there on 28th August 1993. (Estate about £13,000)

HAYES, ALFRED GEORGE HAYES late of Stockwell, London SW9 died at Lambeth, London SE1 on 14 February 1992 (Estate about £3,000)

HELM nee ROBERTS, IVY ALICE HELM nee ROBERTS Widow late of Camden, London NW6 died there on 18 September 1993 (Estate about £66,000)

HOLT, JOHN MILNEARN HOLT otherwise JOHN MILLION HOLT late of Leeds, South Yorkshire died there on 19 April 1994 (Estate about £8,000)

HURMAN, JOHN PRICE HURMAN late of Herne Hill, London SE24 died there on 16 April 1994 (Estate about £100,000)

KENWOOD, HELEN ARITA KEYWOOD Spinster late of Epsom, Surrey died there on 12 August 1989 (Estate about £5,800)

KUEHN otherwise KING, HELENE IRMGARD KUEHN otherwise KING Spinster late of Tunbridge Wells, Kent died at Pembury, Kent on 24th April 1993 (Estate about £12,600)

MITCHELL, ERNEST WILLIAM MITCHELL late of Brixton, London SW9 died at Camberwell, London SE5 on 20 August 1986 (Estate about £25,000)

NAUGHTON, EUGENE NAUGHTON late of Camden Town, London NW1 died at New Southgate, London N11 on 21 May 1992 (Estate about £6,300)

NEWMAN, REGINALD FRANK NEWMAN late of Gloucester died there on 22 January 1994 (Estate about £100,000)

NOON, LEONARD MICHAEL NOON late of Streatham, London SW16 died there on 17 March 1994 (Estate about £130,000)

PLUMB, BERNARD WALTER PLUMB late of Exeter, Devon died there on 25 July 1993 (Estate about £8,000)

REMMER, PETER JOHNSON REMMER late of Castleford, West Yorkshire died there on 7 July 1993 (Estate about £70,000)

RICHINGS, Spinster THOMAS RITCHINGS, THOMAS RICHINGS otherwise THOMAS RITCHINGS late of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire died there on 18 March 1992 (Estate about £6,900)

SHELDON, JOHN THOMAS SHELDON late of Strathwick, West Midlands died there on 11 May 1994 (Estate about £8,000)

TAYLOR, DAVID YOUNG TAYLOR late of Rye, East Sussex died at Marsaxlo, Malta on 7 July 1993 (Estate about £26,000)

TAYLOR, IVY TAYLOR Spinster late of Darlington, County Durham died there on 22 February 1987 (Estate about £12,000)

THOMPSON nee MORAN, MARY THOMPSON otherwise MOLLY THOMPSON nee MORAN Widow late of Morpeth, Northumberland died there on 17 October 1992 (Estate about £16,000)

The kin of the above named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (RV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

ADAMS, TED ADAMS otherwise EDWARD ADAMS otherwise EDWARD ARTHUR ADAMS late of Paddington, London w2 died there on 21 March 1994 (Estate about £6,000)

The kin and widow of the above named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (RV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

LEGAL NOTICES

Mir 'N' Match Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 466(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at our offices at 10.00 am on Wednesday 19 October 1994 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receiver under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:-
They have delivered to us at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, no later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and
There has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
I.A Manning Joint Administrative Receiver
Dated 22 September 1994.

LEGAL NOTICES

Eagle Star Insurance Company Limited
Notice is hereby given pursuant to S175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:-
(1) The above named company has approved a payment out of capital for the purposes of acquiring its own shares by redemption.
(2) The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £1,63,841,055.65 and the resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on 26 September, 1994.
(3) The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by S173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8JQ.
(4) Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following 26 September 1994 apply to the High Court of Justice under S176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment.

Notice of Appointment of Liquidator
Rule 4.106 MELLOR TAYTON LTD Notice is hereby given that on 19/8/94 I, Salman Saud BA, FIPA of 89 Marylebone High St, London was appointed Liquidator of the above company. Dated: 26/9/94. SALMAN SAUD, BA, FIPA (Liquidator)

ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME, PUTNEY
Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the above-named Corporation will be held at the Royal Hospital and Home, Putney, West Hill, London SW15 3SW on Tuesday 25th October 1994 at 2.30pm for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing resolutions that the name of the Corporation be changed to the "Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability" that the qualification for Governors be expunged and be therefore new basis for Membership of the Board of Management and its Committees and that appropriate amendments be made to the Charter, and Bye-laws of the Corporation accordingly.
Any person being a Governor of the Hospital shall be entitled to attend and vote or to appoint a proxy to attend at the above-mentioned Special General Meeting.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ORLER-MARSHALL LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 19 October 1994 at 14 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 23 day of September 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
H.F.W. STRONG, Director

CONTRACT & TENDERS

MOZART ESTATE ACTION
PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY

Westminster City Council has been successful in its bid for Estate Action funding for Mozart Estate. The Estate Action Scheme embraces major building refurbishment, demolition, new residential and commercial buildings, extensive resident consultation, enhancing resident involvement in management of their estate, progression of employment and training initiatives and enhanced community facilities.

The City Council Housing Department invites suitably qualified and experienced consultants to express their interest in submitting a tender for the overall project management of this prestigious scheme. The successful consultant will be expected to guide and co-ordinate the work of other consultants and officers to achieve delivery of the various goals of this multi faceted scheme.

The estimated cost of the works are £29m over a seven year period, including £10m of new Housing Association homes. The initial commission is anticipated to be from January 1995 until October 1997 renewable annually.

If you wish to express an interest in this scheme please submit details of your relevant experience and the resources your practise would be able to offer the City Council to achieve the objectives. The information should be sent to Mr A Khan, Divisional Director, Development and Technical Services, 83 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0HW by 28 October 1994.

City of Westminster

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 and
BRISBER HOUSE LIMITED
WHOSE REGISTERED OFFICE WAS FORMERLY AT KING'S FARM HOUSE, ENBORNE ROW, WASHWATER, NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE RG15 0LY.
Notice is hereby given that John Colin Mansell Bishop of Corfe Castle, Pillgate House, 26 Old Bond Street, London W1X 3DH, was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on 20 September 1994.
Dated this 22nd day of September 1994
J.C.M Bishop, Liquidator.

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☐ Paying in principle for pension reform ☐ Taxing behaviour from the nuclear barons ☐ Spottiswoode denies the whispers

Part-time posturing

☐ ONE thing is certain as a result of the European Court's latest judgments on pension equality. Britain's employers will not have to fork out anything like *the £10 billion bill for part-time* employees still being touted as the "worst case" cost. This is another of those spurious figures — akin to the supposed value of the black economy — that has survived in public discussion mainly because no-one can think of a better one. The National Association of Pension Funds still uses it, but stoutly denies authorship, vaguely suggesting it came from the Government. Not from us, says the Department of Social Security.

No doubt £10 billion was the best figure someone, somewhere could come up with when some estimate was required to help fight the case against allowing all part-time workers fully backdated pension rights. Other estimates of £7 billion and a much more modest £3.5 billion are floating about with equal lack of authority. Would anyone care to halve that?

In reality, most part-time workers in companies with pension schemes are already free to join. About half admit all part-timers and nearly four fifths accommodate anyone working 22 hours a week, should they wish to join. Many would not care to because part-time work is often also short-term. Of the remainder, many would not find it worthwhile to take up any newly acquired rights, since they would also have to pay backdated contributions for relatively small pensions. Some might find that, under conventional rules, they had no net pensionable earnings. Others would be hard-put to establish that they had been denied access because of sex discrimination, as the ruling requires. That especially applies to non-contributory schemes, potentially the most worrying area for employers.

Once the scare stories are put in their place, part-timers — still predominantly women — are left with a useful new right and gain in dignity for the future. The ruling is also helpful because it will let good employers look a little less anxiously over their shoulders at the cowboys down the road. Except that the cowboys may well have no pension scheme at all.

For that modest piece of progress, however, a high price of principle has to be paid. The European Court has, quite irresponsibly, imposed a judgment that is potentially retrospective for 18 years — back to the start of European Community anti-discrimination rules. That is clearly pernicious in pensions, which need long-term planning.

The Court specifically avoided retrospection in its general judgment on sex equality in pensions. Going back on that principle in the case of part-timers will do its reputation no good. Many more women, who are now likely to face worse pension rights as a result of equalisation, will already know that victories at the Court have an unpleasant tendency to be Pyrrhic.

An abuse of power

☐ HERE is another novel idea from the industry that once promised us power too cheap to meter — dearer electricity.

Unable to compete on a playing field already steeply tilted in their favour, Britain's nuclear barons are now demanding the imposition of a carbon tax on their fossil fuel rivals. One wave



of the Chancellor's magic tax wand, they say, would make nuclear power viable. Then they could raise private sector cash to build many more nuclear plants, and we would never again be at the mercy of striking miners or greedy oilmen.

This is the same type of mutton-headed mandarin reasoning that built the atomic plants and forgot to include the cost of taking them down. For all its faults, electricity privatisation has been a success. A flabby industry is being whittled down to an efficient size. Investment is being focused, costs are falling, and prices are trailing in their wake. Transferring responsibility for the rest of power generation into the private sector has taken it out of the hands of public servants, who were ill-equipped to manage it.

The imposition of value added tax on fuel, reaching a level of 17½ per cent next spring, will increase pressure on consumers to use energy more efficiently. A carbon tax would simply drive energy-intensive industries, such as chemicals and metals, where Britain still excels, offshore.

If the nuclear industry is really as bothered about the environment as it pretends, it might like to think again about the use to which it has put the £1 billion a year Non-Fossil Fuel Obligation. This 11 per cent levy on customer bills, ostensibly to fund nuclear decommissioning, has instead helped finance construction of the new Sizewell B atomic plant.

Now that Sizewell is finished, perhaps the nuclear industry might care to return the favour. National Power could have a subsidy to build a pilot high-efficiency coal power plant. PowerGen could use a bob or two to fit flue gas desulphurisation at its Kingsnorth station in Kent.

Why, the cash could even be applied to curb use of the private car, the real culprit of Britain's rising CO_2 output. Or given back to its rightful owners, the electricity consumers, to spend as *they* see fit.

Clare stays at Ofgas

☐ SPECULATION has been rife of late that the future of Clare Spottiswoode, director-general of Ofgas, may hang in the balance. Those with a penchant for whispering have it that Ms Spottiswoode, eager to encourage the Government to introduce competition in the domestic gas market, has threatened to resign from her post if plans for legislation are not flagged in the Queen's Speech.

In order to clarify matters, *Pennington* yesterday put such rumours to Ms Spottiswoode, who categorically denies making any such threats to the DTI or any other arm of Government. "Utter nonsense," says Ms Spottiswoode, who adds: "When I came to Ofgas, I had no expectations regarding competition and I intend to carry on with the job, which is tough enough irrespective of whether domestic competition is introduced."

Ms Spottiswoode admits, however, that she is aware of the rumours and adds, darkly, that *she is also aware of the source.* Not that Ms Spottiswoode is a stranger to whispering campaigns. Earlier this year, false allegations of a *liaison dangereuse* with John Michell, under-secretary for oil and gas at the DTI, hit the headlines. Might the source of such therm warfare be one and the same? The DG gives nothing away on this count. Nor does the Government, as to domestic gas competition.

All change

☐ OUR disclosure that Sir Colin Corness is to succeed Sir Paul Girolami as chairman of Glaxo was confirmed yesterday, triggering an industrial version of musical chairs.

Sir Colin bows out as chairman of Redland at May's annual meeting and will hand over to Rudolph Agnew, head of Lasmo and a former ConsGold chief, who becomes a non-executive director in February.

Sir Colin will join Glaxo's board at November's AGM and take the chair on May 17. During the interim, Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive, will act as stand-in. Got it?

Wellcome poaches finance chief from Coats Viyella

By Patricia Tehan

WELLCOME, the drugs company, has found a new finance director by poaching Russell Walls from Coats Viyella, the textiles group.

Mr Walls, 50, succeeds John Precious, whose sudden departure in June, with two years of his contract to run, fuelled speculation about a personality clash with John Robb, chairman and chief executive of Wellcome. Mr Precious was the fourth Wellcome board member to leave since Mr Robb took over in 1990.

News of the appointment came as Wellcome shares fell 38p to 640p yesterday after an inspection by the US Federal Drugs and Administration Board led to concerns about Burroughs Wellcome's manufacturing processes and product procedures. The shares later recovered to end 19p lower at 659p.

Mr Walls had been seen as a Coats high-flyer and of chief executive calibre. He played a key role in the firm's strategic thinking, and, under his direction, Coats won the annual Stock Exchange and Chartered accountants award for published accounts for 1992. His defection to Wellcome surprised the City, where analysts said that Coats' loss was Wellcome's gain.

Neville Bain, chief executive of Coats, said Mr Walls was a good friend and colleague "and we are all delighted for him". He said Coats has appointed a headhunter to look for external candidates to replace Mr Walls, but there were a number of strong internal candidates.

Mr Walls joined Coats in 1966 and has been finance director since 1990. He will start his new job in January. A science graduate and qualified accountant, he is a potential chief executive. Mr Robb, 58, is due to retire when 62.

In response to the FDA inspection, Wellcome said it was in the process of resolving the difficulties involved in the manufacture of some of its products at its Greenville site in Carolina. A spokesman said Burroughs Wellcome anticipates being able to comply with the FDA concerns, while adding that the firm does not believe that the costs involved will have any material financial impact. Wellcome said its products "continue to meet the required standards of potency and purety".



Webb: acquisitions

Interest rate rise fails to knock confidence of buoyant Beazer

By Carl Mortished

A CONFIDENT Beazer Homes has reported a strong rise in the numbers of houses reserved since the interest rate rise this month.

Beazer, which was floated off by Hanson in March, sold 4,015 homes in the nine months to June 30, generating profits of £33.9 million. Dennis Webb, chief executive, said that completions in the 12 months to June 30 were 5,350. In the year to September 1993, Beazer sold 4,805 units for a profit of £37.8 million.

The number of houses reserved has grown 20 per cent since July 1, compared with last year, and Beazer is confident that the rise in interest rates will not mar its performance. Victor Benjamin, chairman, blamed uncertainty rather than the rise in rates for unsettling consumers: "A further modest rise should not impact upon sales, so long as the national economic recovery is maintained."

Beazer's land bank grew from 13,900 to 16,000 plots during the period, with an average cost per plot of £9,400, or 14.5 per cent of the average house sales price. Since the reporting period, the company has added a further 1,650 plots, acquired with Mowlem's housing business, to the bank. Beazer aims to keep a 3-year bank and its medium-term goal is to sell 7,000 units each year.

To achieve that, in the current climate, means increasing Beazer's share of the market, Mr Webb said. "We have only 3.6 per cent market share. I would expect to see some acquisitions."

Gross margins on house sales worth £246 million rose from 17.7 to 18.1 per cent in the nine months. Mr Webb said that Beazer was spending more per plot but that average selling prices were 3 per cent higher, at £65,000.

There is a final dividend of 1.8p per share after earnings of 9.5p. The company is switching its year end from September to June.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Relief for investors as US pegs interest rates



Bitter pill: shares in pharmaceutical companies lost ground

CITY investors gave an almost audible sigh of relief to the decision by the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee to peg US interest rates with share prices enjoying a technical rally.

The FT-SE 100 index closed *just shy of its best of the day* with a rise of 30.2 at 3,038.7. But it was dull affair that lacked conviction and was reflected in another day of low turnover with only 577 million shares traded. The financial future made most of the early running as it traded at a 24 point premium to cash.

The expiry of the September series of FT-SE 100 traded options helped to squeeze prices higher as traders covered *short positions*. The over-subscription of the £2 billion gilt auction also cheered sentiment.

Not all share prices ended higher on the day. **Wellcome** was an early casualty touching 647p, before ending the session 19p cheaper at 659p. *The* group's American subsidiary, Burroughs Wellcome, has been criticised by the US Food and Drug Administration about its manufacturing processes and product *release* procedures following a routine inspection.

Despite reassurances by the company that it will be able to satisfy FDA concerns, brokers in London remained anxious remembering criticisms made by the FDA about rival Fisons *and the eventual* consequences for the company. Wellcome said its products continued to meet required standards and emphasised there were no public health or safety fears.

In the meantime, the group has appointed Russell Walls as finance director. He is currently on the board of **Coats Viyella**, 3p firmer at 200p.

Williams Holdings hardened 6p go 343p after giving a presentation to City brokers at which the group outlined the benefits starting to accrue from its last five acquisitions. Nigel Rudd, chairman, said that the group had achieved annualised profit improvements of £13 million since the date of purchase.

Reed International advanced 17p to 763p. The company departs later today for the US to give a series of presentations to brokers and fund managers. The group has applied for an American Depository Receipt facility for its shares which are due to be listed on October 6.

Beazer Homes responded positively to better than expected maiden figures with a rise of 8p to 131p. The group which came to market back in March following a demerger from Hanson has revealed pre-tax profits of £33.9 million for the nine months to June 30, *and compared favourably* with the £37.8 million achieved in the previous 12 months.

Rival housebuilder **Barratt Development**, which reported earlier this month, reacted to the news from Beazer, with a rise of 3p to 176p while **George Wimpey** firmed 3p to 140p. Newcomer **Redrow** firmed 1p to 120p.

Redland, the building products group, which publishes interim figures later today climbed 14p to 524p.

Signet, the jeweller that used to trade under the name of Ratners, fell 2¾p to 28¾p after reporting a slowdown in sales in both Britain and America.

UniChem, the wholesale and retail pharmacist, dropped 22p to 276p after announcing plans to raise £58.4 million by way of a fully *underwritten rights issue on* the basis of one-for six at 245p.

At the same time the group announced a 17 per cent jump in half year pre-tax profits to £20.97 *million*.

Jefferson Smurfit, one of Europe's biggest packaging specialists, is also asking shareholders to stump up Ir£155 million as part of a one-for-ten rights issue at 330p. It wants the money to help finance the paper and packaging operation of the French group Saint-Gobain. But pre-tax profits before exceptionals during the first half fell from Ir£50.6 million to Ir£44.6 million. The shares responded with a rise of 21p at 421p.

Cattle's Holdings, down 7p at 135p, also wants extra funds to finance the acquisition of Welcome Group for £21.4 million from London and Manchester and the recently announced purchase of Reedham. It is asking shareholders to back a two-for-nine rights issue at 118p raising £27.9 million. **London and Manchester**, finished up 9p at 330p.

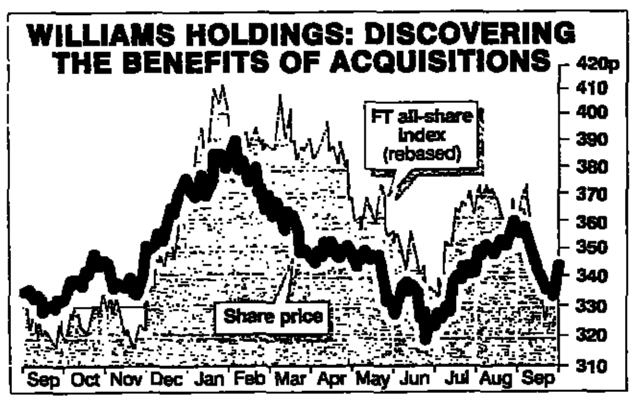
ShareLink, Britain biggest private investor dealing service, rallied 14p to 201p. On Tuesday, the price fell 51p after the company issued a profits warning blaming low stock market volume.

☐ **GILT EDGED** suffered early falls, but later rallied helped by short covering among German bunds, which bolstered confidence in London and enabled the £2 billion gilt auction to be 1.74 times subscribed.

The December *series of the* long gilt future attracted support with a total of 96,000 contracts completed as the price climbed £¾ to £99 25/32. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was £27/32 better at £102½ while at the shorter end Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 *finished* £5/16 firmed at £102¾.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares were sharply higher at midday amid optimism that the US will reach a trade deal with Japan. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 23.21 points at 3,886.25.

BRITISH Gas stood out with a rise of 9½p to 299½p ahead of a presentation for brokers in the City today. Top of the agenda for analysts will be the dividend policy. There has been talk of a cut because of Ofgas's pricing policies but this is probably wide of the mark. The shares yield 6¼ per cent.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3886.25 (+23.21)
S&P Composite 465.00 (+2.95)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 19507.60 (+38.71)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9693.49 (+83.25)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 404.35 (+3.69)

Sydney:
AO 2014.2 (+0.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2068.11 (+9.38)

Singapore:
Straits 2330.69 (+40.85)

Brussels:
General 7197.31 (-4.19)

Paris:
CAC-40 1904.76 (+3.48)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 860.90 (+1.90)

London:

FT 30	2356.5 (+16.5)
FT 100	3038.7 (+30.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	3533.8 (+16.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1346.01 (+5.67)
FT A All-Share	1519.76 (+12.20)
FT Non Financials	1643.06 (+12.41)
FT Gold Mines	293.30 (+6.70)
FT Fixed Interest	107.02 (-0.15)
FT Govt Secs	90.43 (+0.33)
Bargains	24463
SEAQ Volume	577.5m
USM (Datastrm)	159.31 (+0.10)
US$	1.5782 (+0.0009)
German Mark	2.4407 (+0.0009)
Exchange Index	79.8 (+0.1)
RPI	144.7 Aug (2.4%) Jan 1987=100

Bank of England official close (4pm)

RECENT ISSUES

Beacon Inv Tst (100)	95	...
Beacon Inv Tst Wts	40	...
Compel (125)	119	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Emerging Mkts C	62	+1
Indpndnt Parts (112)	120	...
Mackie Intnl (180)	189	...
Ryland (80)	85	...
Suter Wts 99/04	31	+1
Templeton Emg New	373	+2
Templeton Emg Wts	203	+1
Wrxhm & Est Denb Wtr	360	...
Wrxhm & Est Denb NV	330	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Comm Union n/p (475)	32	+10
Jermyn Inv n/p (160)	2	...
Reckitt & Clmn n/p (500)	44	...
Weir Group n/p (252)	6	-1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
HSBC	708p (+10p)
Lloyds	554p (+12p)
Bass	526p (+12p)
Regent Inns	263p (+21p)
Redland	522p (+12p)
ADT	708p (+13p)
Inchcape	440p (+15p)
Tomkins	218p (+9p)
Bristol Scotts	200p (+20p)
Carlton Comm	828p (+13p)
BAT	423p (+11p)
Comm Union	507p (+11p)
J Smurfit	421p (+21p)
Stylo	268p (+10p)
British Land	393p (+14p)
FALLS:	
British Biotech	532p (-11p)
Laporte	723p (-7p)
Blick	427p (-13p)
Macro 4	438p (-17p)
Smith New Court	387p (-13p)
Transfer Tech	45p (-9p)
UniChem	276p (-22p)
Caffyns	310p (-15p)
Wellcome	659p (-19p)

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TEMPUS

Smurfit's paper mill

JEFFERSON Smurfit's dominance of the Dublin stock market goes some way towards explaining its curious rights issue. The call has been expected since the company said in August that the Ir£683 million acquisition of Cellulose du Pin, Saint-Gobain's paper packaging interests, might involve an equity issue. Since then, Irish fund managers have been bracing themselves for a demand from the company. Its capitalisation — some Ir£2 billion — dwarfs most of the rest of the Irish quoted sector and caused some selling of other stocks as funds increased their liquidity.

At first glance, Smurfit seems to be giving its shares away. The issue of an extra 10 per cent of its equity has been priced at 330p, a handsome 18 per cent discount to the price before the deal was announced and today the market reaction suggested that buyers existed for the stock at 420p. There is much justified enthusiasm for Smurfit shares, *which should* benefit from a worldwide recovery in the price of corrugated paper packaging. Smurfit is a leader in the recycled paper business and is expected to benefit *from a switch* to recycled packaging. Its move into France and its option over an Austrian manufacturer could not have been better timed as the European paper *market begins to* recover.

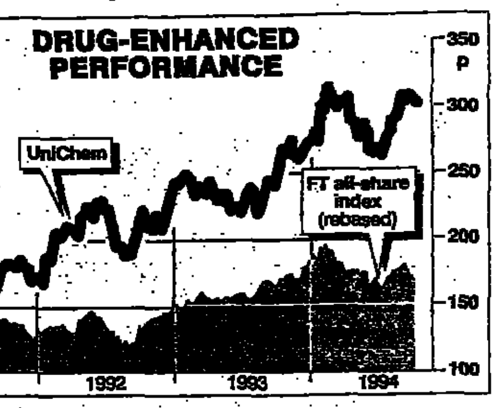
All of which questions the pricing of the rights issue. Smurfit did not need the money, with gearing only expected to rise to 44 per cent, after completion of the Cellulose deal. Doubtless, with such a good story to tell, the company felt that now was the time to raise funds, but by calling in a few favours the company has burdened itself with more shares to service than *is necessary*.

UniChem

RETAILING is not a capital intensive business, so any stores group that feels obliged to hold a rights issue should be examined with some scepticism. UniChem is no exception, since its cash call looks rather gratuitous. The company may have spent £166 million on capital expenditure, and acquisitions since 1991, but its cash has been strong enough to bear the burden *and net borrowing at the half* year was only £33 million putting gearing at 36 per cent.

Despite this, UniChem can make a good case for absorbing more of its shareholders' wealth. This year it has accelerated the expansion of its Moss Chemists' chain, and is clearly intent on building it in to a well represented national chain. Buying shops always involves heavy goodwill write-offs, an average of £350,000 per store. Those have been eating away at UniChem's reserves.

UniChem cannot afford to slow its rate of expansion because the pharmacy business is consolidating swiftly and rivals such as Lloyds Chemists and AAH are keen to buy the best sites. The Government may be squeezing pharmaceutical prices and prescription fees, but there are still few retailing businesses that offer such a dependable level of turnover and the stores complement UniChem's wholesaling operations well. The shares at the 245p rights price sell on around 12 times full year earnings forecasts which is not expensive considering the group's growth record.



Signet

SIGNET'S interim results should put paid to those few surviving doubters who believed the group could avert a capital reconstruction. The *results prove that the group* cannot trade its way out of its present predicament. It is a matter of *when* the group should restructure, not *if*.

Sales growth was little better than pedestrian across the group. The picture in Britain, where like-for-like *sales rose 3 per cent, was* particularly worrying. The figures were up against fairly low comparatives. Moreover, the closure of underperforming stores should have led to an improved performance from the remainder of the chain, especially as Signet *has always claimed that* sales from closures transfer to other stores.

Signet has done much to reduce costs in the past two years. It now needs to achieve similar success in driving sales if preference shareholders are not to lose their patience. They are already owed £78 million in unpaid dividends, a figure which will rise to £90 million by the end of the financial year.

For ordinary shareholders, *who will bear the brunt* of any dilution in a capital reconstruction, the future does not look bright. Their best hope is that such a move is delayed as long as possible. But with Signet's existing banking facilities due to expire next June, it cannot be *far off*.

Beazer Homes

WHEN the outlook is uncertain, the market retreats towards the solid and reassuring, and yesterday Beazer showed strength in both *areas*.

Only the previous day, smoke signals from rival housebuilder Tarmac gave some substance to the market's anxiety about sales volumes for the rest of the year and the likely impact of price increases in building materials on margins.

Just to be contrary, Beazer reported buoyant sales since the Treasury and the Bank of England upset the mortgage market over a fortnight ago. *The* company gave *further* comfort with an improvement in the gross margin and maintains its ambitions of raising unit sales from 5,000 to 7,000 over three years.

But Beazer is scarcely immune to pressure on the margin from materials suppliers *who are demanding more of* the cake. While kitchen suppliers can be held at bay by aggressive buying, builders *can do relatively little about* commodities such bricks, blocks and plastic pipes. If Beazer is to lift profits, it needs market share, and, *with a clean balance sheet, it* is well-placed to take out other private or quoted housebuilders in less fortunate circumstances in the current year.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	975-952	Dec	1086-1085
Dec	992-991	Mar	1105-1100
Mar	1024-1023	May	1111-1107
May	1041-1039	Jul	1130-1110
Jul	1058-1054		
Sep	1069-1068	Volume:	1983

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	4047-4045	May	3803-3798
Nov	3982-3980	Jul	3770-3760
Jan	3945-3940	Sep	3730-3700
Mar	3862-3861	Volume:	2243

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	329.5-28.1
Spot: 336.00		Oct	314.0-12.6
Dec	328.5-28.1	Dec	313.8-10.6
Mar	329.5-29.0	Mar	315.3-10.1
May	329.7-28.5	Volume:	581

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 27

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	75.12	87.90	114.51
(+/-)	+1.06	+0.79	+0.47
Eng/Wales:	75.30	87.99	113.17
(+/-)	+1.35	-0.86	-0.32
(%)	-17.0	-9.0	-9.0
Scotland:	74.11	87.44	119.00
(+/-)	-0.75	+0.47	-0.83
(%)	+11.0	-9.0	-5.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.15	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.30	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.45	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.60	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.75	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 164 (+1)	O: 169 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	150 (+1)	151 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Oct	152 (+1)	153 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	154 (+2)	155 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	72 (n/c)	75 (+1)
Naphtha	*158 (-1)*	*159 (-3)*

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	149.75-50.00	Jan	156.75-57.00
Nov	152.50-50.75	Feb	157.75-58.00
Dec	154.75-55.00		Vol: 11396

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.48-16.49	Feb	16.65 BID
Dec	16.60-16.62	Mar	16.57-16.65
Jan	16.65-16.69		Vol: 27757

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	106.35	Nov	103.80
Jan	108.60	Jan	105.75
Mar	110.70	Mar	108.00
May	112.75	May	109.65
Jul	114.70	Jul	unq
Volume: 211		Volume: 18	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	225.0	221.5
May	unq	240.0
		Volume: 78

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 85.75-86.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 94	unq	unq	1626
Oct 94	1700	1675	1695
Nov 94	1675	1655	1675
Jan 95	1620	1605	1617

Vol: 383 lots Open Interest 2437
Index 1626 +10

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2566.0-2567.0	2573.0-2574.0	1376725
Lead ($/tonne)	627.50-628.00	643.00-643.50	198450
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1016.0-1017.0	1040.0-1040.5	465350
Tin ($/tonne)	5360.0-5370.0	5440.0-5450.0	21650
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1601.5-1602.0	1625.0-1626.0	1379800
Nickel ($/tonne)	6440.0-6445.0	6540.0-6541.0	96570

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom.	540	42½	—	—	3	—	—
(*576)	589	11	—	—	21½	—	—
Argyll	260	16½	24	30½	5	13	17½
(*270)	280	6	13½	21	15½	23½	28½
ASDA	60	5	7½	9	2	4½	5½
(*62½)	70	1½	3½	5	9	10½	11½
Boots	500	40½	49	60½	2½	11½	18
(*534)	550	7½	21½	34	22½	35	41½
Br Airways	360	13	24	34	11	21	26
(*360½)	390	3	12	22	33½	40	44
BP	390	17	29	36½	7	15½	21
(*398)	420	4½	14½	22½	26	33	38
Br Steel	160	15	19½	24½	2½	6½	9
(*171½)	180	3½	9	14½	11	16	18½
C & W	390	28	40½	52	8	18½	25
(*407½)	420	11½	25½	37½	23	34½	40
CU	493	24½	40½	47	6½	15	27
(*507)	543	5½	16½	23½	39½	44	57½
ICI	800	48½	71	86	7	22½	36½
(*836)	850	17	41	57	27½	45½	61½
Kingfshr	460	38½	53	65	5	13½	21
(*490)	500	13½	26	43	19½	30	36½
Land Sec	600	32½	42½	56	4½	13	17
(*624½)	650	5	17½	30½	30	39	43½
M & S	390	24	32½	42	3½	11	14½
(*408)	420	7	16½	25½	17	25	29
Nat West	460	31	45	54	5½	14	25½
(*482)	500	9½	23	33½	24½	32	47
Sainsbury	390	18½	30½	39	8	20½	23½
(*398½)	420	5½	16½	25	26½	37	40
Shell	650	51½	66	75	2	8½	17
(*695)	700	14½	32½	43	16	26	38
Smkl Bch	420	17½	31	41	9	20½	27½
(*427½)	460	4	13½	22½	36	45	51
Storehse	180	20½	24½	28	1½	4½	8½
(*197)	200	5½	12	16	7½	13	17½
Trafalgar	80	9½	12½	15½	2	4½	6
(*87)	90	2½	7	10½	6	9	10½
Unilever	1100	28	53½	72	18½	37½	53
(*1106½)	1150	9	30	48	50	67	82
Zeneca	750	58	77	89½	3½	13½	26½
(*799½)	800	22	49½	58	18	32	49
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	390	29½	38	44½	8	18½	21½
(*406½)	420	13	22½	29½	22½	34½	37
Ladbroke	140	22	27	30	2½	5	8
(*156½)	160	8½	15½	18½	9½	13½	17½
Utd Bisc	300	19	27½	31½	9	13	22
(*312)	330	6½	15	17½	29½	31	40

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	475	21	30½	40½	6½	15	19
(*486½)	500	7½	17½	27½	19	27½	31½
Thames W	500	21½	33	43½	12	24½	27½
(*507½)	550	4	13½	22½	43	55½	57½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	21½	34½	39½	13½	22	32
(*422½)	460	7½	17	22½	43	46½	57½
BTR	300	23	32½	37	6	11	16½
(*314)	330	8	15	22	21	26	33
Br Aero	460	27	44	51½	24	32½	43
(*464)	500	11½	26½	34	50	57½	66½
Br Telcm	360	22½	27	34	7	15	17½
(*371½)	390	7½	12½	19½	23½	32	35
Cadbury	420	43½	53	58	3½	7½	14½
(*454½)	460	16	28½	33½	17½	23½	31½
Guinness	420	42	50½	57½	5	9	16
(*456)	460	15½	25	33	20½	26	34
GEC	280	20½	25	31	4½	9	12
(*293)	300	9	14½	20½	14	19	21
Hanson	220	20½	23½	26	3	6½	8½
(*235½)	240	7½	12	15½	9	16	19
LASMO	134	23½	—	—	2½	—	—
(*153½)	154	10	—	—	9½	—	—
Lucas	180	16	20½	25	6	10	14
(*192)	200	6	12	16	18	22	25
Pilkngtn	180	14	16½	22½	5½	8½	12½
(*186)	200	4½	8½	13	18	21½	24½
Prudential	280	27½	34	37½	4	7½	13½
(*299½)	300	14	22	25½	11½	16	23
Redland	500	28½	44	57½	14	21½	39½
(*520)	550	9½	22	30½	46	51	66
Royal Ins	280	17	26½	32	12½	18½	24
(*282)	300	9	17	23½	25½	29½	35½
Tesco	220	23	29	34	4	8	11½
(*236½)	240	9½	17	22	12	16½	20½
Vodafone	183	19	25½	—	5	8	—
(*196)	200	9½	15	20	12	16½	19
Williams	325	26½	—	—	4½	—	—
(*343½)	354	9½	—	—	17½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3039½)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Oct	158	119	82	53	32	17
Nov	183	147	113	85	62	43
Dec	202	167	137	108	84	62
Jan	228	192	163	133	109	86
Jun	292	—	232	—	179	—
Puts						
Oct	15	24	39	60	90	126
Nov	33	45	62	83	110	142
Dec	50	64	84	104	130	158
Jan	66	78	98	118	143	171
Jun	102	—	139	—	186	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	360	30	41	49	1	6½	14½
(*387½)	390	2½	21½	30½	4½	18	29½
Amstrad	25	3½	4½	5½	1	2	3
(*27½)	30	1	2	3	3½	5	6
Barclays	550	17	40½	54	0½	16	28
(*566½)	600	1	16	29	36	44	56
Blue Circ	280	9½	22½	31	1	11	17
(*287)	300	1	13	21½	15½	22	27½
Br Gas	280	21	24½	31	1	8½	12½
(*299½)	300	1	13½	20½	4	18	20½
Dixons	180	10	19½	23½	1	8½	13
(*188)	200	1	10½	14	14	19½	24½
Forte	200	18	25	28	1	6	9
(*216)	220	1	11½	16½	6	15½	18½
Hillsdwn	160	18	21	25½	1	3½	6½
(*176)	180	1	8	14	5	12½	15
Lonrho	130	2½	11	14½	1½	7	11½
(*131½)	140	1	6	9½	10	13½	17½
Sears	100	5½	9	11½	1	4½	6
(*104)	110	1	4½	7	7½	11	12
Thrn EMI	1000	10½	52½	67½	3½	31	47
(*1007)	1050	2	29	45	48	59½	74½
Tomkins	200	19½	26	31	1	5	5
(*217½)	220	1½	14	19	4½	12½	16½
TSB	200	19	24½	29	1	5	10
(*216)	220	1	12	17	5	13½	19½
Welkome	650	11	49	68½	2	30½	44½
(*659)	700	1	26	45½	44	56	71
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	550	41	61½	72½	7	21	33
(*580½)	600	12½	34	47	31	45½	54
HSBC	700	29½	57½	75	22	39½	60
(*707½)	750	11	35	52	53½	68½	89½
Reuter	475	17	—	—	12½	—	—
(*476½)	487	11½	—	—	19½	—	—
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	180	14	20	23½	6	11	15
(*184½)	200	5½	11	14½	18½	22½	26½
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Fisons	110	8½	12½	16	1	5½	7½
(*116½)	120	1	7	11	5½	11½	12½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	750	36	56½	73	30	44	55½
(*752)	800	17	36	51	60½	75	83
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	420	36	49½	55	1	8½	15
(*454)	460	1½	21	33	8½	26	32½
Scot Pwr	360	22½	30	44½	1	11½	15
(*380)	390	1	23	29	12½	24½	29½

September 28, 1994 Tot: 30545 Call: 16043 Put: 14502 FT-SE Call: 5300 Put: 8512
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3022.0	3065.0	3017.0	3056.0	14388
Previous open interest: 53263	Mar 95	3078.0	3080.5	3078.0	3080.5	80
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.22	93.28	93.19	93.27	29009
Previous open interest: 490341	Mar 95	92.30	92.36	92.28	92.34	12123
	Jun 95	91.62	91.68	91.60	91.67	7514
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94	94.13	94.13	94.12	94.13	340
Previous open interest: 3795	*Mar 95*				*93.75*	*0*
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.72	94.75	94.71	94.74	21216
Previous open interest: 693901	Mar 95	94.31	94.35	94.31	94.34	18163
Long Gilt	Sep 94	99-25	100-16	99-24	100-14	677
Previous open interest: 109979	Dec 94	98-31	99-31	98-25	99-25	100367
Japanese Govmt Bond	*Dec 94*	*108.65*	*108.65*	*108.43*	*108.51*	*1634*
	Mar 95				107.72	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	89.05	89.69	88.98	89.57	171856
Previous open interest: 144667	Mar 95	88.50	88.80	88.50	88.88	241
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
Previous open interest: 0						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.57	93.68	93.56	93.67	1751
Previous open interest: 17662	Mar 95	92.98	93.07	92.98	93.08	747
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.63	95.72	95.63	95.71	10506
Previous open interest: 41431	Mar 95	95.24	95.31	95.24	95.31	988
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	99.63	100.60	99.63	100.25	60432
Previous open interest: 64751	Mar 95				99.68	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 5¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 3½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾ ; 3 mth 5¾ . Sell: 2 mth 5¾ ; 3 mth: 5¾

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	6¼-6¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	6¼-6¼	7¼-7¼
Interbank:	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	6¼-6¼	7¼-7¼

Overnight: open 5¾, close 4 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¾	6¾	7¼
Sterling CDs:	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	6¼-6¼	7¼-7¼
Dollar CDs:	4.96-4.93	n/a	5.14-5.11	5.57-5.54	6.09-6.06
Building Society CDs:	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	7-6¾	7¾-7¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82%. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.578%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4¼-4¾	5-4¾	5¼-5	5¾-5¾	4¼-3¾
Deutschemark:	4¾-4¾	4¾-4¾	5¼-4¾	5¼-5¼	5-4
French Franc:	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¼-4¾
Swiss Franc:	3¾-3¾	3¾-3¾	4-3¾	4¼-4¼	4¼-3¾
Yen:	2¼-2¼	2¼-2¼	2¼-2¼	2¼-2¼	2¼-1¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $397.40-397.80 Close: $395.70-396.20 High: $397.60-398.10 Low: $395.00-395.50 AM: $397.50 PM: $396.95

Krugerrand: $395.00-398.00 (£250.50-252.50)

Platinum: $420.50 (£266.15) Silver: $5.62 (£3.555) Palladium: $154.00 (£97.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7287-2.7353	2.7314-2.7349	¼pr-par	½-¼pr
Brussels	50.05-50.36	50.14-50.24	4-1pr	9-4pr
Copenhagen	9.5610-9.5940	9.5780-9.5930	¼-¾ds	1¼-2¼ds
Dublin	1.0101-1.0137	1.0104-1.0131	2pr-par	2pr-2ds
Frankfurt	2.4354-2.4429	2.4393-2.4425	¼pr-par	½-¼pr
Lisbon	247.83-249.30	248.50-249.14	91-99ds	264-287ds
Madrid	201.88-202.64	202.20-202.50	35-43ds	100-119ds
Milan	2441.90-2461.10	2453.60-2457.70	5-7ds	15-18ds
Montreal	2.1116-2.1216	2.1116-2.1146	0.10-0.03pr	0.23-0.12pr
New York	1.5748-1.5806	1.5749-1.5758	0.05-0.03pr	0.23-0.18pr
Oslo	10.6670-10.7010	10.6770-10.6930	¼-1ds	2¼-3¼ds
Paris	8.3130-8.3390	8.3250-8.3390	¼-¼ds	¾-¼pr
Stockholm	11.7110-11.7850	11.7500-11.7740	¼-2¾ds	5¼-6¼ds
Tokyo	155.41-156.07	155.43-155.69	1½-1pr	1¾-1¼pr
Vienna	17.13-17.20	17.14-17.18	1¼-¾pr	4¼-2¾pr
Zurich	2.0147-2.0250	2.0220-2.0250	¾-¼pr	1-¾pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

Australia	1.3500-1.3509
Austria	10.87-10.88
Belgium (Com)	31.79-31.80
Canada	1.3430-1.3435
Denmark	6.0726-6.0746
France	5.2795-5.2805
Germany	1.5462-1.5467
Hong Kong	7.7265-7.7275
Ireland	1.5593-1.5608
Italy	1558.40-1559.40
Japan	98.85-98.95
Malaysia	2.5638-2.5648
Netherlands	1.7325-1.7330
Norway	6.7765-6.7785
Portugal	157.61-157.71
Singapore	1.4880-1.4890
Spain	128.35-128.45
Sweden	7.4644-7.4719
Switzerland	1.2797-1.2802

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5762-1.5788
Australia dollar	2.1284-2.1305
Bahrain dinar	0.5895-0.6015
Brazil real*	1.3632-1.3673
Cyprus pound	0.737-0.747
Finland markka	7.6295-7.7455
Greece drachma	367.50-374.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.1816-12.1863
India rupee	49.04-50.00
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4645-0.4745
Malaysia ringgit	4.0424-4.0447
Mexico peso	5.28-5.38
New Zealand dollar	2.6162-2.6214
Pakistan rupee	47.88 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8595-5.9855
Singapore dollar	2.3469-2.3483
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6428-6.6925
S Africa rand (com)	5.6066-5.7050
U A E dirham	5.738-5.862

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	2,400	Legal & Gn	853
ASDA Gp	*5,200*	Lloyds Bk	5,800
Abbey Natl	2,300	MEPC	1,400
Allied Dom	552	Marks Spr	2,300
Argyll Gp	2,900	NatWst Bk	3,500
Arjo Wiggn	3,400	Nat Power	1,900
AB Foods	968	Nth Wst W	963
BAA	910	P & O	577
BAT Inds	3,400	Pearson	695
BOC	938	PowerGen	757
BP	8,600	Prudential	3,100
BTR	4,600	RMC	251
BT	4,500	RTZ	2,500
Bk of Scot	1,200	Rank Org	532
Barclays	4,000	Reckitt Col	774
Bass	2,400	Redland	1,800
Blue Circle	1,300	Reed Intl	1,400
Boots	1,000	Rentokil	1,500
Bowater	867	Reuters	1,300
Brit Aero	1,600	Rolls Royce	3,900
Brit Airwys	3,100	Ryl Ins	1,800
Brit Gas	5,800	*Ryl Bk Scot*	*1,200*
Brit Steel	32,000	Sainsbury	901
Burmah Cstl	332	Schroders	24
Cable Wire	4,000	Scot & New	2,400
Cadbury	986	Scot Power	2,400
Caradon	793	Sears	7,500
Carlton Cms	1,300	Svrn Trent	818
Cm Union	*1,300*	Shell Trans	3,200
Courtaulds	876	Siebe	1,600
De La Rue	372	SmKl Bch	3,300
Eastern Elec	589	Smith Nph	406
Enterpr Oil	3,200	Sthern Elec	1,300
Forte	1,500	Std Chartd	1,700
GKN	1,100	*Sun Allnce*	*1,500*
GRE	838	TI Gp	1,100
GUS	1,400	TSB	2,300
Gen Acc	679	Tesco	2,000
Gen Elec	3,400	Thames W	814
Glaxo	4,000	Thrn EMI	1,300
Granada	739	Tomkins	7,200
Grand Met	2,200	Unilever	1,000
Guinness	2,100	Utd Bisc	389
HSBC	2,200	Vodafone	2,700
Hanson	6,500	Warburg (SG)	373
ICI	1,800	Wellcome	7,600
Inchcape	1,400	Whitbread	632
Kingfisher	1,100	Wlms Hld	2,300
Ladbroke	2,500	Wolseley	1,000
Land Secs	2,300	Zeneca	893

	Sep 28 midday	Sep 27 close
AMP Inc	76¾	77
AMR Corp	52¾	51¾
AT & T	54¾	54¾
Abbott Labs	31¾	31¾
Aetna Life	46½	46¾
Ahmanson (HF)	21	20¾
Air Prod & Chem	47¾	46¾
Albertson's	29	28¾
Alcan Alumnm	26½	26½
Alco Standard	62	61¾
Allied Signal	34¾	34¾
Alum Co of Am	87¾	87¾
Amax Gold Inc	7¾	7¾
Amerada Hess	45¾	45¾
Amer Brands	35¾	35
Amer Cyanamid	99¾	99¾
Amer El Power	30¾	30¾
Amer Express	31¾	30¾
Amer Genl Corp	27¾	27¾
Amer Home Pr	59¾	58¾
Amer Intl	91	89¾
Amer Stores	24¾	24
Ameritech	41¾	40¾
Amoco	58	57¾
Anheuser-Busch	53¾	52¾
Apple Computer	34	33¾
Archer Daniels	26	25¾
Armco	6	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	44½	44¾
Asarco	34¾	34¾
Ashland Oil	35	35
Atl Richfield	102	101
Auto Data Pro	56¾	55¾
Avery Dennison	34¾	34¾
Avon Products	59¾	59¾
Baker Hughes	18¾	18¾
Baltim Gas & El	22¾	22¾
Banc One	30¾	31
BankAmerica	45¾	45¾
Bank of NY	30¾	30¾
Bankers Tr NY	66¾	66¾
Barnett Banks	43¾	43¾
Bausch & Lomb	38¾	38¾
Baxter Intl	27¾	27¾
Bectn Dickinsn	46¾	46¾
Bell Atlantic	54¾	54¾
BellSouth	57¾	56¾
Black & Decker	22¾	22¾
Block (H&R)	47¾	46¾
Boeing	44¾	43¾
Boise Cascade	30¾	30
Borden Inc	13¾	13¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	58	58
Browning Ferris	29¾	29¾
Brunswick	20¾	19¾
Burlington Nthn	50¾	50¾
CBS	335	344¾
CNA Financial	63¾	63¾
CPC Intl	50¾	50
CSX	70	69¾
Campbell Soup	38¾	38¾
Can Pacific	17	17
Cpd Cities ABC	81¾	81¾
Carolina Pwr	26¾	25¾
Caterpillar	55	53
Central & SW	22¾	22
Champion Intl	39¾	39
Chase Manhat	35¾	35¾
Chemical Bk	35¾	35¾
Chevron Corp	41¾	41¾
Chrysler	45¾	45¾
Chubb Corp	71¾	71¾
Cigna Corp	61	60¾
Citicorp	42¾	42
Clorox	52¾	52¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	28¾
Coca Cola	49¾	49¾
Colgate-Palmolive	58¾	57¾
Columbia Gas	26¾	26
Compaq Comp	32¾	33¾
Comp Ass Intl	43¾	43¾
Conagra	31¾	31¾
Cons Edison	24¾	24¾
Cons Nat Gas	39	38¾
Cons Rail	49¾	49¾
Cooper Inds	40¾	40¾
Corning Inc	31¾	30¾
Crown Cork	39¾	38¾
Dana Corp	27¾	26¾
Dayton Hudson	79¾	79
Deere	69¾	68¾
Delta Air Lines	45	44¾
Deluxe Corp	29¾	28¾
Detroit Edison	25	24¾
Digital Equip	27¾	26¾
Dillard Dept St	26¾	26¾
Disney (Walt)	39¾	39¾
Dominion Res	36¾	36¾
Donelley (RR)	29¾	29¾
Dover Corp	56¾	56¾
Dow Chemical	77¾	78¾
Dow Jones	30¾	30¾
Dresser	19¾	19¾
Duke Power	38¾	37¾
Dun & Bradstreet	57¾	57¾
Du Pont	58¾	57¾
Eastman Kodak	52¾	52¾
Eaton Corp	47¾	46¾
Emerson Elec	59¾	59¾
Engelhard Corp	26¾	26¾

	Sep 28 midday	Sep 27 close
Enron Corp	29	29¼
Entergy	23¾	23
Ethyl Corp	11¼	11¼
Exxon	57¾	57¼
FMC Corp	60¼	60¼
FPL Group	32¼	32¼
Federal Express	61¾	61¾
Fed Nat Mtge	79¾	78¾
First Chicago	46¾	45¾
First Interstate	81¼	81¼
First Union Rlty	6¾	6¾
Fleet Finl Grp	37¾	37¾
Fluor Corp	48¾	47¾
Ford Motor	28¾	27¾
GTE Corp	30¾	30¾
Gannett	47¾	47¾
Gap Inc Del	33¾	31¾
Gen Dynamics	45	43¾
Gen Electric	48¾	48¾
Gen Mills	55¾	54¾
Gen Motors	47¾	47¾
Gen Reinsurance	108	108¾
Gen Signal	35¾	35¾
Genuine Parts	35¾	35¾
Georgia Pac	77¾	76¾
Gillette	71¾	71¾
Glaxo ADR	18¾	18¾
Goodrich (BF)	42¾	42¾
Goodyear Tire	33¾	33¾
Grace (WR)	42	42
Gt Atl Pac Tea	23¾	22¾
Great Wstn Fin	19¾	19¾
Halliburton	30¾	30¾
Harcourt General	34¾	34¾
Heinz (HJ)	37¾	37¾
Hercules	101¾	101¾
Hershey Foods	45¾	45¾
Hewlett Packard	87¾	87¾
Hilton Hotels	61¾	61¾
Home Depot	42¾	42
Homestake Mng	21¾	21¾
Honeywell	35¾	35¾
Household Intl	35¾	35¾
Houston Inds	34¾	34¾
Humana	23¾	23
ITT Corp	82¾	81¾
Illinois Tool	41¾	41¾
Illinova	18¾	18¾
INCO	30¾	30¾
Ingersoll Rand	35¾	34¾
Inland Steel	39¾	38¾
Intel Corp	62¾	62¾
IBM	69¾	69¾
Intl Flav & Fr	41¾	41¾
Intl Paper	79¾	79¾
James River Vz	24¾	23¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	51¾	51¾
Kellogg	55¾	54¾
Kerr-McGee	47¾	46¾
Kimberly-Clark	58¾	58¾
Kmart	17¾	17¾
Knight-Ridder	50	50¾
Lilly (Eli)	57¾	57¾
Limited Inc	19¾	19¾
LIN Brdcstng	139¾	138¾
Lincoln Nat	38¾	36¾
Litton	38¾	38¾
Liz Claiborne	22¾	22¾
Lockheed	70¾	69¾
Louisiana Pac	34¾	34¾
MCI Comm	24¾	24
Marriott Inc	28¾	28¾
Marsh & McLen	77¾	77¾
Masco Corp	24¾	24¾
May Dept St	39	38¾
Maytag Corp	16	15¾
McDonalds	27¾	28¾
McDonnell D	117¾	117¾
McGraw Hill	74¾	75¾
Mead Corp	52¾	51¾
Medtronic	101¾	101¾
Mellon Bk	56¾	56¾
Melville Corp	39¾	39¾
Merck Inc	35¾	36
Merrill Lynch	35¾	35
Minnesota Mine	55¾	54¾
Mobil Corp	79	79
Monsanto	77¾	77
Morgan (JP)	61¾	60¾
Motorola Inc	52¾	52¾
Natl Medical	16¾	17¾
Natl Semi	15¾	15¾
Natl Service Ind	26¾	26¾
Navistar Int	14¾	14¾
NBD Bancorp	29¾	29
NY Times A	22¾	22¾
Newmont Mng	46¾	46¾
Niag Mohawk	12¾	12¾
Nike B	59¾	59¾
NL Industries	11¾	11¾
Noram Energy	6¾	6¾
Nordstrom	38¾	37¾
Norfolk Sthn	61¾	61¾
Nthn States Pwr	41¾	41¾
Norwest Corp	25¾	25¾
Nynex Corp	38¾	38
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	19	18¾
Oracle Systems	43¾	43
Oryx Energy Co	14¾	13¾

	Sep 28 midday	Sep 27 close
Owens Corning	33¾	33¾
PNC Financial	26¾	26¾
PPG Industries	39¾	38¾
Paccar Inc	47¾	47¾
Pacificorp	17	16¾
Pac Enterprises	21¾	21¾
Pac Gas & Elect	22¾	22¾
Pac Telesis	32¾	32¾
Pall Corp	16¾	16¾
Panhandle East	23¾	22¾
Parker Hannifin	38¾	37¾
Peco Energy	24¾	23¾
Penney (JC)	51¾	50¾
Pennzoil	47¾	47¾
Pepsico	32¾	32¾
Pfizer	70	69¾
Phelps Dodge	63¾	63¾
Philip Morris	59¾	59¾
Phillips Pet	33¾	33
Pitney Bowes	35¾	35¾
Polaroid	34¾	34¾
PriceCostco	15¾	15¾
Procter & Gmbl	59¾	59¾
Pub Serv E & G	25¾	25¾
Quaker Oats	77¾	77¾
Ralston Purina	41	40¾
Raytheon Corp	40¾	39¾
Raytheon	64¾	65
Reebok Intl	37	36¾
Reynolds Metals	56¾	56¾
Roadway Srvcs	55¾	55¾
Rockwell Intl	34¾	35¾
Rohm & Haas	54¾	55¾
Royal Dutch	107¾	107
Rubbermaid	26¾	26¾
Safeco Corp	52	51¾
St Paul's Cos	39¾	39¾
Salomon Inc	39¾	40
Santa Fe Pac	22¾	17¾
Sara Lee Corp	22¾	22¾
Scecorp	12¾	13
Schering Plough	71	70¾
Schlumberger	55¾	55¾
Scott Paper	62¾	62¾
Seagram	31	30¾
Sears Roebuck	48¾	48¾
Shell Trans	67	66¾
Sherwin Wllms	31¾	31¾
Skyline Corp	20	19¾
Snap-On-Tools	34¾	34¾
Southern Co	18¾	19¾
Sthwestern Bell	43¾	42¾
Sprint Corp	38¾	38¾
Stanley Works	40¾	39¾
Sun Company	29	28¾
Sun Microsys	28¾	28¾
Suntrust	48¾	49¾
Supervalu	25¾	26
Syntex Corp	23¾	23¾
Sysco Corp	25¾	24¾
TRW Inc	72¾	69¾
TCC Inds	3	3
Tandem Comp	16¾	15¾
Tandy Corp	43	42¾
Teledyne	19¾	16
Temple Inland	56¾	54¾
Tenneco	44	44
Texaco	60¾	60
Texas Inst	68¾	68¾
Texas Utilities	32	32
Textron	50¾	51¾
Time Warner	36¾	36¾
Times-Mirror	30¾	30¾
Timken	37¾	37¾
Torchmark	43¾	42¾
Toys R Us	36¾	35¾
Transamerica	50¾	50¾
Travelers	32¾	32¾
Tribune	54¾	54¾
Tyco Labs	46¾	47¾
UST Inc	29¾	31
UAL	90	89¾
USX Marathon	17¾	17¾
Unicom	22¾	21¾
Unilever NV	113¾	113¾
Union Camp	49¾	49¾
Union Carbide	34¾	34¾
Union Pacific	54¾	53¾
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAir Group	5	4¾
USF&G Corp	13¾	13¾
US Life	33¾	33¾
US West	39¾	39
United Tech	63¾	63¾
Unocal Corp	27¾	27¾
Upjohn	34	34
VF Corp	49¾	49¾
WMX Tech	29	28¾
Wal-Mart Stores	23¾	23¾
Warner-Lambert	81¾	80¾
Wells Fargo	149¾	148¾
Westinghouse El	13¾	13¾
Weyerhaeuser	45¾	44¾
Whirlpool	53¾	51¾
Whitman	16¾	16¾
Winn Dixie	50¾	50¾
Woolworth	17	17¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	40¾	40¾
Xerox	106¾	106¾
Yellow Corp	18¾	18¾

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CITY DIARY

Gnasher's off to Ghana

REGULAR visitors to South Africa who have long wondered whatever happened to the hordes of Alsatian dogs that used to growl and snap so nicely at people from the end of policemen's leads in the days of the "old" South Africa, should look no further than the Lonrho-managed *Ashanti Gold* mine in Ghana. Security chief George Tieku writes in the mine's newsletter that his Special Services Division has for some time been eyeing sniffer and attack dogs from South Africa. "You can't bribe a dog," Tieku says, adding that if management approves, then the dogs will come. The use of dogs would be a back-up to the body-search metal detectors currently in use. When those objects were introduced on the mine in 1992 it led to the "phee phee strike" — so called because of the noise emitted by the scanners when passed over the body in search of smuggled gold.

Working lunch

THE shock-horror news that Lehman Brothers is to stop paying for $4-$6 lunches so that its 1,500 traders and sales folk on Wall Street can stay at their desk (and trade) has sent waves of hunger throughout the City. However, those glued to the trading desks at Goldman Sachs will be relieved to know that their 125-year-old group has no such ungenerous ideas. "Menu lists will still be walked around the trading rooms in the morning, and lunches with staff names on them will continue to be wheeled in to the trading rooms at the appropriate time," Goldman Sachs says. So if you are stopped in the street and asked "Got any spare change? Wife, kids and traders to support. . . ," you'll know from where the crier hails.



"If you really loved me, you'd buy something"

Ploughman's

MEANWHILE, the British Cheese Week may well have just ended, but the National Bread Week, which is being promoted on behalf of the Flour Advisory Bureau to make people think of the humble loaf, runs on until Saturday. Had the two events got together . . . .

SHOPKEEPERS and checkout girls learning how to work National Lottery terminals have discovered language need not be a barrier. The terminals are programmed to work in English or Welsh.

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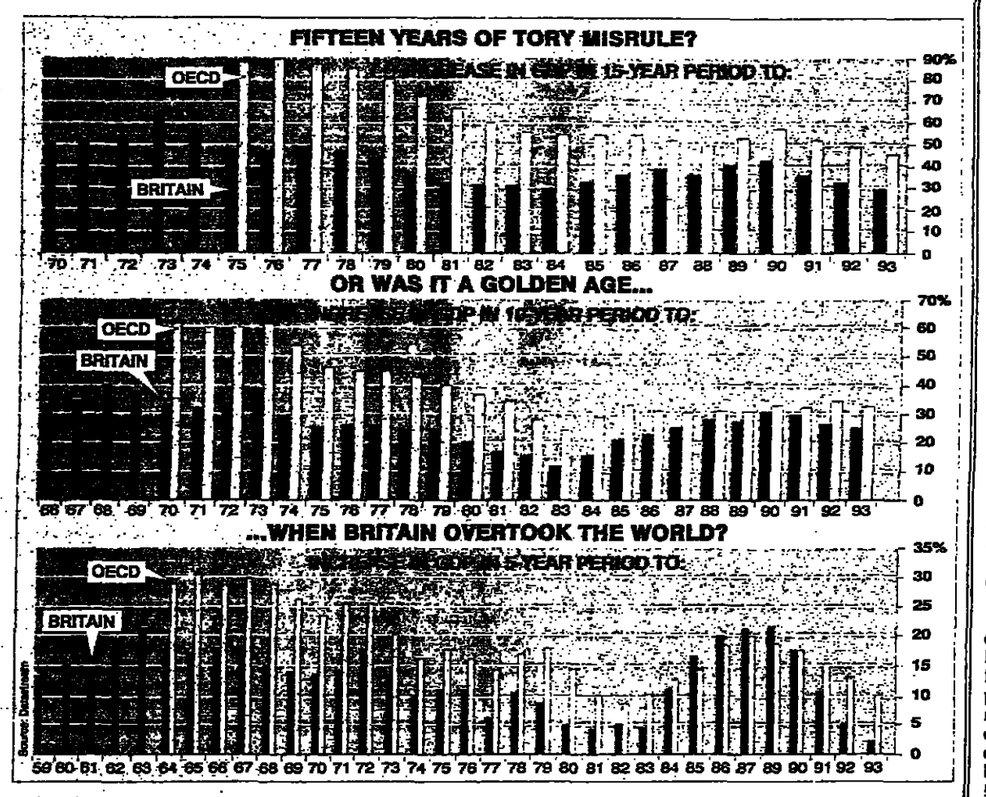
CHANGES at Cardew & Co, the City PR firm, where John Bell, one-time business editor of these pages, has been appointed the firm's first managing director. Joining him on the board is Sir Richard Kleinwort, well-heeled expert on world lotteries, who inherited the family title on the untimely death of his father, Sir Kenneth, in early July. Young Kleinwort flew to Australia and back in the space of five days earlier this year while advising Tattersall's on its National Lottery bid.

COLIN CAMPBELL

ECONOMIC VIEW  ANATOLE KALETSKY

Blair picks wrong battlefield to launch attack on Tories

There is nothing in Labour's New Economics to avert boom-bust cycles and wild swings in interest rates



Keynes, whose howling ghost was much invoked this week at the launch of the Labour Party's "New Economics", once said that his highest aspiration was to convert economics into a dull but useful trade, about as newsworthy and controversial as dentistry. To judge by the speech delivered on Tuesday by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, to expound his New Economics — an oration whose length and opacity was worthy of Kim Il Sung or Castro — the first part of Keynes's wish is well on the way to being granted.

Mr Brown's laundry-list approach to economics is not only dull: three types of government intervention to prevent financial "short-termism", followed by two new initiatives on skills and training, followed by two new investment partnerships between the private and public sector, etc. etc. More depressing is that Labour seems to be agreeing with the most fundamental tenets of the Tory conventional wisdom — and deviating only in the areas where the conventional wisdom happens to be right.

Both Mr Brown and his boss, Tony Blair, seem genuinely to believe that the failures of the British economy over the past 15 years have been caused by the absence of government initiatives on long-term investment, vocational training and so on. But what about the two recessions that have left 2.6 million people officially jobless and millions of others permanently on the scrapheap of early retirement? Mr Brown assures us that this could never happen under a Labour Government, which would put a "growth target" alongside its target for inflation. But how would this target be achieved? Mr Brown has an answer:

"Labour's New Economic Approach sees active government intervention not as the substitute for the modern market economy, nor as the antithesis of it, but as a necessary pre-condition for a dynamic market economy that meets our objectives as a community for sustainable growth and good jobs and opportunities."

All right, it is a bit unfair to dwell on the preamble to a long and rambling speech without putting it into context. But as far as I can tell, after examining their words in detail and knowing their economic advisers, that sentence does fairly summarise the New Economics. There is nothing here to avert or even mitigate the boom-bust cycles and wild swings in interest rates that have done most damage to the British economy since the Treasury formally abandoned demand management and fell under monetarist command in 1979.

Of course, Britain had a long history of economic troubles before monetarism came along, but I will return to that.

Let us consider first the monetarist orthodoxy, which Labour's New Economic Approach implicitly accepts. This has two fundamental tenets. The first is that governments can do nothing to influence unemployment or growth *in the long term* by manipulating interest rates, exchange rates and the fiscal balance between taxes and public spending. The second is that governments can influence *long-term* growth rates and levels of unemployment only by improving the supply-side of the economy, through measures that affect the supply and quality of labour, the level of industrial investment, and so on.

These statements are probably true, provided the phrases in italics are carefully noted. But they are certainly false if we drop the provisos about timing. In the short term, which to economists means a period of one to five years, interest rates and government budgets do have a significant economic growth and levels of employment — that is completely undeniable. What is less certain, but quite plausible, is that deep short-term declines in economic activity like the recessions of 1979-81 and 1990-92 can also have a negative long-term influence on economic growth because of the permanent damage they do to a nation's productive capacity and the morale of its workforce.

Now Labour seems to be ignoring these crucial provisos about timing as it latches on to the monetarist dogma that only supply-side policies can affect employment and growth. This, I repeat, may be true in the long term. But if accepted unconditionally, as it seems to have been by Mr Brown, it is not just misleading but also potentially disastrous for Labour's whole attempt at economic rehabilitation.

To see why, let us go back to the question of Britain's performance before the advent of the late 1970s. Labour believes that Tory economic management has been a disaster and therefore that comparisons between the past 15 years and the pre-Thatcher period are bound to be unfavourable to the Tories. As proof, Mr Brown noted on Tuesday that economic growth in the past 15 years has been the lowest of any 15-year period since the Second World War. This claim is broadly true, as shown in the top chart. But what Labour ignores, at its peril, is the message of the two charts below.

The record of the past 15 years is heavily influenced by the legacy inherited by Mrs Thatcher from Labour. Looking at economic performance over ten-year periods, shown in the middle chart, it is clear that Britain has done a great deal better in most of the Tory period than in the years up to the early 1980s, most of which were dominated by the only Labour government most voters can remember. Looking at five-year periods may give an even better indication of the kind of timescale on which voters' judgments are made. The bottom chart shows that the five years to 1993 were indeed the worst in British history, which helps to account for the unpopularity of the present government. But it also shows that in most of the five-year periods spanning the 1980s, the British economy did better than in any comparable periods going right back to 1956-60. Even more strikingly, Britain did much better than ever before relative to the rest of the world, beating OECD averages for the first time since the war.

This record suggests two conclusions. First, that supply-side policies do have an influence, though not an exclusive influence, on long-term growth rates. And secondly, that the Thatcherite supply-side policies of the 1980s were generally better for the economy than the social democratic policies of the previous three decades. If this second conclusion is true, then Labour has stumbled into an intellectual disaster with its New Economics.

Not only is Mr Brown endorsing the monetarist dogma that demand management does not work, a dogma that led directly to the macroeconomic disasters of the two recessions and the Lawson boom. He is also attacking the Thatcherite supply-side policies that actually have worked in improving Britain's long-term economic structure. In other words, Labour is choosing exactly the wrong battlefield for its attack on the Tories. Labour is agreeing with the Tories where they are wrong and attacking them where they have been proved right.

Pensions for part-timers still in doubt

A European Court ruling leaves many questions open, says Sara McConnell

The European Court's rulings on six cases of alleged sex discrimination in company pension schemes yesterday were meant to put an end to four years of wrangling about the implications of an earlier ruling by the same court.

In May 1990, the Court ruled, in *Barber v.Guardian Royal Exchange*, that pensions were part of pay and male and female employees had to receive the same benefits. But many questions wereunanswered, leaving employers and trustees unclear as to how they must restructure schemes to give men and women equal benefits. This meant European Union member states had to start the long process of bringing a series of test cases before the court over a variety of sex discrimination issues. Several of the cases were British, including Coloroll, the home furnishings and fabrics company which went into receivership in 1989. Trustees have been waiting for a ruling to pay out £50 million to 5,000 former employees. But now employers fear they could face a bill for up to £10 billion for admitting part-time workers to their pension schemes and backdating benefits possibly as far as 1976. The court decided yesterday in the Dutch cases of Vroege and Fisscher that EU part-time workers *have the right to join pension schemes. In practice, most part timers are women, so their exclusion is deemed to be indirect sex discrimination in pay and benefits. But the court has not set a time limit for backdated claims, so, in theory, female employees could demand their employer backdates benefits to when the principle of equal pay was established under the Treaty of Rome in 1976.*

Not surprisingly, the Institute of Directors reacted angrily to the ruling, saying it should not be retrospective and would cost industry dear. But John Monks, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress said: "Today's ruling is excellent news for part-time workers and marks a significant step forward in the TUC's campaign to win full-time rights for part-time employees".

However, pensions experts think the IoD is taking too gloomy a view of the possible impact and unions too rosy a view. David Marshland, employment law consultant at William Mercer Fraser, the actuary, said many part timers would be prevented from getting backdated benefits unless their scheme was non-contributory, because they would have to make backdated contributions themselves, alongside those of their employers.

Employers may also be able to argue successfully to an industrial tribunal that there is an "objective" reason part timers are excluded from a scheme. For example, the administration may be too complex with a high turnover of part timers. This would have nothing to do with whether a part timer is a man or a woman and would therefore not be covered by the judgment.

The European court also made clear backdating would be limited by national laws. In the UK these would prevent part timers who left years ago approaching an employer to get contributions and benefits backdated. Many part-time female workers will benefit if they can afford backdated employees' contributions to match the employers' they claim. But full-time female workers have less reason to be pleased. The court ruled as long as pension ages were equal, women could be disadvantaged by being forced to work five years longer for a full pension in future. *Between May 17, 1990, and* the date of any change, employers would have to calculate benefits for all employees at the more favourable rate. In most cases this would mean 60 for men and women. After the change, women's pensions would be calculated assuming 65. The court rejected a claim by 78 British women working for Avdel Systems that their employer was wrong to raise their pension age to 65 in 1991. But the ruling means they will get better benefits in the 13 months between the date of the judgment and the date Avdel raised the age.

The court failed to give a definite answer to the question of how trustees and employers should equalise money-purchase schemes, where the benefits are based on contributions rather than final salary. It is not clear whether employers have to contribute the same for all employees or whether they have to ensure they get equal payments when they retire.

Employers fear they could face a £10bn bill for letting part-timers into their schemes

Jon Ashworth reviews Virgin King

A tale of two Bransons



Trains and notes and planes: the "nice guy" image pervades Branson's rail, radio and airline empire

There are two sides to Richard Branson. The first is the smiling, softly spoken man of the people, a businessman with a conscience, an adventurer with a taste for practical jokes. The other is a calculating, hard-nosed businessman who milks his "nice guy" image for all it is worth. The mask seldom slips — but it did when Mr Branson lost his bid for the National Lottery. Where was the famous smile, the urbane shrug of the shoulders? Mr Branson does not like to lose, and the scowl on his face spoke volumes. Winning the licence, he said, would have been the most important achievement of his life.

The lottery scramble, the war with British Airways, the daredevil exploits — all are laid bare in *Virgin King*, a blow-by-blow guide to Branson's rise from hippy entrepreneur to global player. Tim Jackson provides an entertaining chronology of Mr Branson's achievements and failures to date.

The theme is one of two Bransons. First, we have the public man — "informal, friendly, idealistic, happy-go-lucky, attached to his family, guided by strong principles, concerned to improve the society he lives in".

His alter ego is "a ruthlessly ambitious workaholic, a hard bargainer, an accountant with an instinctive feel for minimising the losses on each new venture, a gambler who prefers to put his assets at risk every day rather than retire to a life of luxury on what he has made. He is an empire-builder who keeps the inner workings of his businesses secret, and requires senior employees to sign binding confidentiality agreements before they come to work for him; a figure of great wealth and political influence who would not dream of breaking the law, but is equally determined not to pay a penny more in tax than he has to; an important customer for top legal and accountancy firms, who knows the value of highly paid advice".

The tale begins in 1969 with Mr Branson's first commercial venture, a mail-order record business, run from a house in west London. Soon after, Mr Branson was fined £7 for using the word "venereal" in a leaflet at an advisory centre for troubled teenagers. A more serious clash followed when he was arrested in connection with an export scam in which tax was reclaimed on LPs supposedly exported to Belgium. The result was a £53,000 fine — but no criminal record.

Next came Mike Oldfield and *Tubular Bells*, the record that was to put Virgin Records on the map. The Sex Pistols, Boy George and a failed attempt to rival *Time Out*, the London magazine, led to the project that fires Mr Branson to this day — Virgin Atlantic Airways.

Here, Jackson is at his strongest, nosing in on the chaos behind the inaugural flight in June 1984. New engines were fitted to the airline's second-hand 747, *Maiden Voyager*, just two hours before a crucial proving flight. Mr Branson forgot his passport on the inaugural trip to Newark, then mistook the town's black mayor for one of the caterers.

There is an amusing cameo appearance by Roger Seelig, of Guinness fame, with his "immaculate haircut, a daring taste in striped shirts, and a penchant for talking excitedly *into a mobile phone*". There are gripping accounts of Mr Branson's cross-Atlantic trips by boat and balloon, and of the trans-Pacific flight that left him stranded in Alaska.

Throughout, is a sense of Mr Branson the ideas man, one with "the powers of concentration of a gnat" who "hated deep down to be held accountable to anybody".

Mr Branson is portrayed as a ruthless negotiator, often hiding behind his advisers when striking a bargain. Pre-eminent among them was *John Thornton of Goldman* Sachs, who sold Virgin Music to Thorn-EMI for £560 million. The money was to appease Virgin's bankers and pave the way for new projects, from train services through the Channel Tunnel to a bid for London's County Hall.

Mr Branson co-operated with Mr Jackson to begin with then shied away, fearing the book would be biased against him. The tone, if anything, is sympathetic, praising Mr Branson's drive to launch Mates condoms, and sharing his indignity at the British Airways "dirty tricks" campaign. Mr Branson, we learn, has a knack for motivating those who work for him and enthusing those who watch him from afar. The gloss on the image is dazzling, whatever lies behind the smile.

☐ *Virgin King* is published by HarperCollins on October 3 (£17.50)

BUSINESS LETTERS

Government has not retreated from pension proposals

From the Minister for Social Security and Disabled People

Sir, Mr Smedley (Business Letters, September 28) alleges that the Government are backing down from proposals to require member-nominated trustees on pension schemes. He has seriously misunderstood our position.

The Government proposes to go further than the Goode Committee in requiring all schemes, irrespective of size, to have at least one third member-nominated trustees unless members are happy with an alternative arrangement.

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Yours etc,
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UniChem in £58m call to fund further expansion

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

UNICHEM, the pharmaceutical wholesaler and retailer, is holding a £58.4 million rights issue to continue expansion.

Jeff Harris, chief executive, said he plans to continue buying small retail pharmacy chains, and is also keen to acquire some of the larger chains of 100 stores or more. The company has spent £50 million on deals this year and expects to spend a further £20 million.

UniChem has spent more than £100 million since its last rights issue in 1991 building the Moss retail chain, and has invested a further £36 million on acquisitions to expand its wholesale business in Britain and Portugal.

UniChem now owns almost 300 shops trading under the Moss Chemists name. This makes the company one of the four big pharmacy retailers in the country, along with Boots, Lloyds Chemists and AAH.

UniChem is issuing one share for every six held at 245p each. This compares with yesterday's market price of 278p, down 20p. The cash will be used to pay off the group's short-term borrowings and leave it with £35.4 million in net cash.

Mr Harris said: "I would prefer to base a rights issue on a single major transaction but our pattern is a lot of small deals. There is not a mega-deal in view but I want to be able to keep the earnings coming from acquisitions."

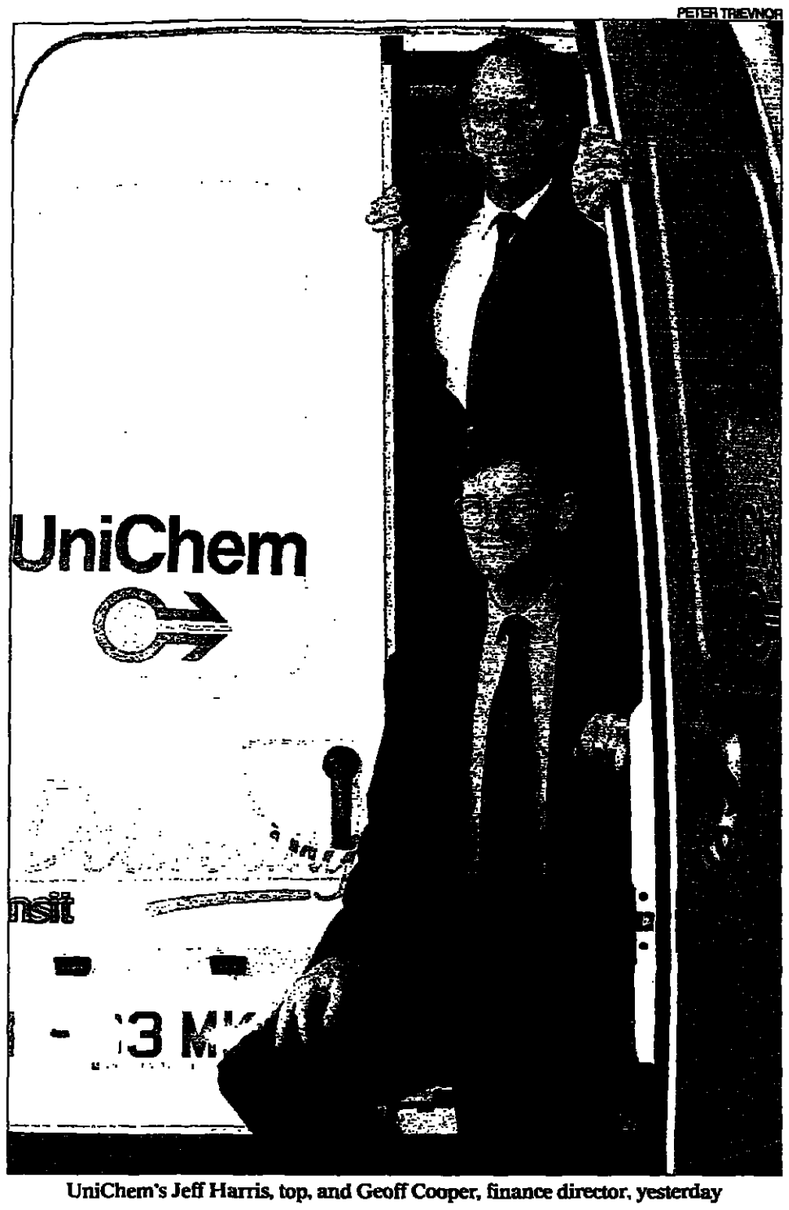
Along with the rights issue, UniChem also announced a 17 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £21 million on an 11 per cent increase in turnover to £638 million. The group's earnings per share lifted by 12 per cent to 9.3p while the half-year dividend is being increased by 14 per cent to 2.5p.

Mr Harris said the half year had been very succesful for the group despite a slowdown in market growth. The growth in sales of prescription pharmaceuticals was held back by the 2.5 per cent price cut that the government imposed last October, while sales of over the counter medicines was flat.

About half the growth in UniChem's turnover came from acquisitions, and the rest from organic growth. Profits from the wholesaling division rose 13 per cent to £17.9 million, while the retailing business increased profits 35 per cent to 35 per cent. The only downturn come from Portugal where profits slid from £751,000 to £738,000 due to the weak escudo.

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PETER TREVINOR



UniChem's Jeff Harris, top, and Geoff Cooper, finance director, yesterday

Frogmore profits increase to £16.4m

BY CARL MORTISHED

FROGMORE Estates, the property investment group, is moving into development for the first time since the beginning of the property recession.

The company, which yesterday announced a leap in profits for the year to June 30 from £10.7 million to £16.4 million, has acquired development sites in Chelmsford, Crawley, Maidstone and Hertford.

David Wilmot, finance director, said the company had planning permission for several developments worth some tens of millions of pounds. "There will be both speculative and pre-let developments," he added.

Frogmore's investment properties were valued at £232 million at the end of June leading to a 26 per cent rise in net asset value to 499p per share.

A major restructuring of the company's portfolio over the last three years has switched Frogmore from a dependence on central London offices with almost 30 per cent of the assets in that sector to only 13 per cent of the portfolio at the end of June.

The gap has been made up with shops, which currently account for 25 per cent, and a £78 million investment in housing, both for investment and trading.

Rental income over the year increased by 12 per cent to £21.7 million, and Frogmore is boosting the full year dividend by 10 per cent to 17p after earnings of 29.8p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Erith builds on higher turnover

ERITH, the supplier of building materials, said sales in July and August totalled more than £16 million and were 31 per cent higher than in the corresponding months of 1993, with a like-for-like increase of 22.5 per cent after excluding turnover from acquisitions.

Pre-tax profits jumped to £1.23 million in the half-year to June 30, from £565,000 in the first half of the previous year, on turnover of £40.6 million, compared with £34.85 million last time. Earnings were 1.88p a share, up from 0.99p, and the interim dividend is increased to 0.75p a share, compared with 0.65p.

Cash sales held steady in volume, but fell to a lower percentage of the total, against robust trade order levels. Bryan Castledine, chairman and chief executive, said: "The company's trading performance continued to improve throughout the first half of the year, boosted by strong order flows from a revival in new house construction. If the present activity level holds the prospect for the remainder of the year is most encouraging."

Quality Software ahead

QUALITY Software Products, whose shares were hit hard by a profit warning this time last year, said trading was now improving. The company is paying an interim dividend of 1p a share (nil). In the six months to June 30, pre-tax profits increased to £604,000 (£143,000). Interim profits compared with profits of £553,000 for the whole of 1993. Earnings rose to 7.2p a share from 2.1p, even after taking into account the issue of new shares in May, raising £1.6 million.

Regent Inns advances

REGENT Inns, the public house operator, saw its shares rise to 259p a share from 242p after the company reported a rise in taxable profits to £2.3 million (£1.34 million) in year to July 2. The shares were offered at 135p in May 1993. Turnover rose to £15.3 million from £12.98 million. Earnings rose to 13.1p a share from 10.5p, with an underlying rise of 35 per cent after the disposal of fixed assets is excluded. There is a final dividend of 3.65p a share, making 5.4p for the year (4.5p).

Property company rises

DEVELOPMENT Securities, the acquisitive property investment company whose deputy chairman is Martin Landau, earned profits of £1 million before tax in the half year to June 30, reflecting recent deals. In the first six months of the previous year, there was a loss of £2.6 million. The company is returning to the dividend list after a four-year absence, with a nominal payment of 0.1p a share. Earnings were 0.4p a share, compared with losses of 7.8p.

Greenacre expansion

GREENACRE Group, the nursing home operator with 12 existing homes, expects construction to begin on two new sites in 1995, increasing the total number of beds to more than 700. In the six months to the end of July, the company raised taxable profits to £873,000 from £794,000, with earnings rising to 0.35p a share from 0.32p. The interim dividend is increased to 0.16p a share (0.15p). Turnover advanced to £4.5 million (£3.32 million).

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Cattle's Holdings acquires Welcome

BY MARTIN BARROW
CITY NEWS EDITOR

CATTLE'S Holdings, the consumer credit and finance company, is raising £27.9 million through a rights issue to fund acquisitions. The company, which purchased Reedham Factors for £5.9 million earlier this month, yesterday announced the acquisition of Welcome Group for a maximum consideration of £27.4 million. Welcome provides loans and hire purchase facilities through a network of 39 branches, serving 33,000 customers.

The company is being acquired from London and Manchester Group. In 1993, it earned adjusted pre-tax profits of £1.6 million on turnover of £45.5 million. Net assets at December 31 were £2.7 million.

Cattle's will pay an initial consideration of £21.4 million, with an additional profit-related deferred consideration of up to £6 million due in 1997. Funding for these acquisitions will come from a rights issue, on the basis of two new shares for every nine held at 118p each. Existing shares fell to 135p from 142p.

Peter Courtney, chairman, said: "The acquisition of the Welcome Group is an important step in pursuing Cattle's stated strategy of focusing on financial services, the area of its greatest expertise."

Cattle's reported interim profits of £8.45 million before tax and exceptional items on September 1. It said it would enjoy another record year should present trends continue.

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ACCOUNTANCY

Profession needs general staff

Proposals for three geographical institutes for accountants are flawed, argues John D. Moore



John D. Moore advocates a blend of unity and diversity

This year, a working party appointed by the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies (CCAB) reported on the future structure of the profession. Since then, two things have become clear.

First, almost all accountants want to see changes that will enable the profession to deal more effectively with public interest issues and to speak with one voice on matters of common concern. Second, the model put forward by the working party — three geographical institutes (for England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland) for all accountants, whether in practice, business, management, the public sector or elsewhere, does not meet this specification and does not have sufficient support in the profession to be viable.

In more than 40 consultation meetings, members of the ACCA, the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, indicated that they wanted their council to put forward a better plan.

Our proposal is that there should be a new body to supervise and control the profession, independent of the existing ones — a "general accounting council". It should oversee standards of conduct, practice and discipline for the profession as a whole and focus on those areas where the accountancy bodies have a shared responsibility to the public and common professional concerns.

Many members of the council should be drawn from government, industry and consumer organisations — those whom accountants serve. There would still be some nominees of the continuing bodies, but a major element would be elected by all accountants to represent all accountants.

The current bodies would be supervised by the council and would cede part of their sovereignty to it. They would, however, continue to provide education, training and technical support for their members and for students, and contribute to the development of the profession.

One of the problems the profession currently faces is that there is no control over who can call themselves accountants. The ACCA believes the Government — which registers those able to carry out audits — should extend registration to all accountants, thus safeguarding standards of competence and integrity. The titles "registered auditor" and "registered accountant", which would be supervised by the council, might in due course become more important than the present designations. The time is right for the profession to be more forthright about its public interest responsibilities and to have a more united approach where there are concerns which all accountants share. But the current professional bodies should also be free to evolve, perhaps specialising in training and research.

The ACCA's proposal does not seek to impose immediately a new, artificial structure; it allows a natural, indeed organic, development and has other advantages, too.

It does not force the sharing of the existing *chartered accountant* title. Instead, it creates a common *registered accountant* designation. It does not set up a 300,000-strong England and Wales institute, for which it would be impossible to provide a governing structure that was both representative and effective. It does not require the imposition of uniform education and training requirements. It allows the continued specialisations of public finance and management accountancy. And it enables members and students to continue to receive services from the organisations with which they identify. It thus preserves the core values of the existing bodies and the strengths of the profession as currently constituted in the British Isles.

In fact, it does just what is required. It creates unity for the profession at the highest level, while preserving valuable diversity, and it brings the profession's responsibilities to the public to the top of the agenda.

The author is President of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants.

A&M accounting the Hanson way

IF ANYONE ever needed justification for the Accounting Standards Board and its efforts to bring sense to accounting for acquisitions and mergers and for goodwill, they should read a new biography* of Lord Hanson.

The last chapter, "The Reckoning", works relentlessly through the Hanson accounts over the past 20 years and carefully dissects them. Its conclusions are devastating. "It is clear from this analysis," it says, "that Hanson's profit record had rather less to do with the skills of the operating managers than with the small team of head office accountants, who were clearly significant profit contributors.

There are several points here. First, that is the sort of thing most people in business would surmise. Second, the view is backed up with excellent analysis. And, third, the analysis comes from a journalist who has spent time as a qualified accountant in industry, and knows how it works. He is Roger Cowe, who co-authored the Hanson book with Alex Brummer, and was at one time deputy editor of *Accountancy Age*.



ROBERT BRUCE

The first point the chapter makes is the traditional and woeful dependence of British industry on measurements of return on capital employed. They are not alone in making this point. A research study produced under the auspices of the English ICA, comparing the UK and German motor components industries, reveals how far from business reality a reliance on measuring return on capital employed takes you. The same point recurs here with an analysis of the British Ever Ready company, which Hanson bought in 1982 and sold in 1992 for £20 million less than he paid for it. During the period of ownership, the book says, "Hanson pursued the wrong strategy well". The key to this is that Hanson "is interested only in return on capital, and cash flow, not in how those financial demands are met".

That sets it up. Like the findings in the motor components study, this shows businesses in this country are in thrall to accounting dogma to such an extent that strategies have, as with Ever Ready, little to do with building the company and too much to do with, as the book says, "tomorrow's money today".

Low risk should bring about relatively low returns. On the UK figures, Hanson's return on capital employed is high. It is all to do with how you account for goodwill on acquisitions. Here, it is easy to see the stark difference. The rules in the US are tighter. Since 1985, Hanson has had to produce figures under US rules, as well as those of the UK. This, the book shows, "presents a very different picture to the soaring results shown under UK accounting". It is no wonder Sir David Tweedie and the ASB are so keen to crack down on the two areas of acquisition accounting and goodwill. With acquisition accounting, it is impossible to get a fair idea of how much any subsequent profit is due to fancy accounting provisioning and how much from the much-hyped idea that the new management will vitalise the acquired company. As the book says: "Despite concerns about this distorting effect and demands for figures that clarify the impact on earnings of a takeover — thus revealing the movement in earnings due to operational management — having been voiced as early as 1969, accounting standards and Stock Exchange rules do not require such information to be published, so it is not done. In common with other companies, Hanson even stopped showing the amount of profit from new acquisitions. This was detailed in the profit and loss account from 1971 to 1975, but was then abandoned, until required again by new standards in 1993."

Equally, the goodwill element detailed in this book is startling. One leading, but anonymous, accountant is quoted as describing the amount of Hanson's write-offs of goodwill to 1993 of almost £5 billion as "a quite extraordinary figure".

And it is. Averaging it out means that "£115 million of provisions was used — that is, £115 million of actual spending was not charged against profits. Yet Hanson's operating profit from continuing operations was only £930 million. In other words, if the provision had not existed, operating profit would have fallen by one-eighth on these assumptions".

When Hanson had to restate its figures in 1992 after the ASB tightening, the new figures for 1989 and 1990 revealed the 21 per cent profits increase was now a 17 per cent fall. EPS, shown as rising 8 per cent, had actually fallen by almost a quarter. This is why tough accounting rules and good analysis are always more important than complaints that finance directors are hard done by.

**Hanson: A Biography* is published by Fourth Estate at £20.

Watching their backs

BINDER Hamlyn may be keeping its name in the Arthur Andersen worldwide umbrella, but at what price? Jim Wadia, Andersen's senior partner, is adamant that Binder will be left to do its own thing, apart, of course, from the insolvency department, which is being subsumed by John Talbot's operation. Adrian Burn, Binder's managing partner, wins a place on Andersen's national management committee. The cry is for "business as usual", but others are not so sure. One observer notes: "When an American firm gets hold of you, you have to get everything in triplicate from the lawyers." However, the link should end the ongoing identity crisis at Binder, which has had various name changes over the years. BDO, meanwhile, has signed up Stoy Hayward as its new UK member firm, hailing this as "a shrewd strategic move". Could this have anything to do with Chris Swinson, who sidestepped from Binder to Stoy two years ago?

Easy reading

SIR David Tweedie, chairman of the ASB, surfaced at the Savoy Hotel this week on the occasion of the UK GAAP Financial Accounting Award 1994. Sir David was joined by Stephen Ahearne of BP, and umpteen other finance directors, in a discussion on the changing face of financial reporting. Ron Paterson, of Ernst & Young, handing over the prize, noted that the winner's accounts "rose above pure compliance and communicated effectively with their readers". The winner, appropriately, was Reuters.

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CAREER experience listed on a CV can make all the difference between a first-round interview or a letter of rejection, a survey has found. About 40 per cent of managers say matching experience with the requirements of the job is the deciding factor, according to research by Robert Half, the financial recruiter. Only 13 per cent looked at qualifications listed, and a mere 11 per cent rated the importance of a solid employment history. Job hoppers can draw some comfort from that. And don't spend too much time compiling a list of hobbies and interests. Only 1 per cent take any notice.

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Adwest order book grows

By Martin Barrow
City News Editor

ADWEST, the engineering group, enjoyed an increase in orders in the first quarter of the current year as signs of recovery in Europe, particularly in the automotive industry, pick up.

In the year to June 30, the company made pre-tax profits of £11.4 million (£9.4 million), a figure lifted by acquisitions funded from the proceeds of a £22.2 million rights issue. Of that, £19.1 million has been committed to the acquisition of five businesses — two in Britain, two in France and one in America.

In spite of the growth in profits, earnings eased to 10.4p a share from 10.5p. The total dividend is 7.5p (7.2p), after a 5.4p final.

Turnover rose to £147.9 million (£137.37 million), with a £10.58 million contribution from acquisitions. Operating profits were £11.17 million (£10.5 million), with acquisitions earning £1.44 million.

Denis Filer, chairman, said each acquisition had synergy with existing operations and would produce good profits. Policy had been to reduce exposure to defence spending. In Britain, Adwest acquired Stewart Gill, a conveyor systems maker that has since been merged with Air-Log, an existing subsidiary, to develop materials handling, while Cirencester Tools was bought to work with Ross Courtney.

PETER TREVINOR



Rory Shearer, finance director (left), Denis Filer, chairman, and Graham Menzies, chief executive of Adwest

Distiller hurt by price war

By Martin Barrow

BURN Stewart Distillers blamed intense price competition in the whisky market for a fall in profits to £4.2 million in the year to July 3 from £8.12 million in the previous 12 months. The company, whose shares fell 8p to 126p yesterday, is holding the total dividend at 5p a share, with an unchanged final of 3.30p.

Turnover rose to £40.7 million (£30.8 million), but operating profits fell to £5.79 million (£9.66 million). Earnings fell to 5.2p a share (9.53p).

Competition was toughest among lower-priced blended whiskies, although the group successfully launched its Scottish Leader brand, which saw sales soar by more than a half. Export sales fell 43% as the group, based in Barrhead near Glasgow, refused to cut prices. The price squeeze was made worse by a rise in costs as the company spent heavily on marketing.

Smurfit calls for Ir£155m to help fund acquisition

By A Correspondent

SMURFIT, the international packaging group based in Ireland, yesterday asked shareholders to support a fully underwritten one-for-ten rights issue that will raise Ir£155 million.

Smurfit will use the money to part-pay for the Ir£682 million acquisition of Cellulose du Pin, the French packaging company, announced last month. The rights are priced at Ir£3.30 a share, an 18½ per cent discount to Tuesday's closing price of Ir£4.05. The equity market in Dublin reacted positively and pushed Smurfit shares ahead to Ir£4.20. At that price, including the new stock, Smurfit is capitalised at Ir£2.2 billion, making it Ireland's largest quoted company.

The rights issue had been expected since the Cellulose deal was announced eight weeks ago. The timing of yesterday's announcement was predicated on the need to make the first payment (Ir£179 million, out of a total cost of Ir£682 million) for the French company on October 31. From that date, Smurfit will be required to assume Cellulose's debts of between Ir£315 million and Ir£351 million. And it will pay as much as Ir£188 million more over the next two years to the seller, the French conglomerate Compagnie de Saint-Gobain. The rights cash will leave Smurfit with gearing of 28 per cent.



Smurfit: Ir£8 million bill

With Cellulose, Smurfit will be among the ten leading paper and packaging companies in the world.

The rights issue cost the Irish group almost £6 million. The lead underwriter was Investment Bank of Ireland and the stockbroker was Davy. It was the second largest rights for an Irish company, surpassed only by AIB, which in 1990 tapped the market for Ir£160 million.

Michael Smurfit, the chairman and chief executive, and Howard Kilroy, the president, will each take up their full entitlement to new shares. Mr Smurfit, one of Ireland's wealthiest men, will have to spend almost Ir£8 million. His personal holding before the rights issue was worth more than £100 million.

Yesterday's cash call was accompanied by Smurfit's interim financial results for the six months to July 31. Operating profit increased from Ir£39.5 million to Ir£50 million but net interest income decreased from Ir£11.6 million to Ir£3 million, because of falling interest rates and a reduction in Smurfit's cash balances. There was an exceptional gain of Ir£233.6 million and an exceptional loss of Ir£26.7 million, leaving pre-tax profits of Ir£251.5 million.

Earnings per share were Ir51.6p, or Ir7p excluding exceptionals. This compares with earnings of Ir7.4p for the six months to July 1993.

The exceptionals related to the flotation of JSC, Smurfit's US associate, in which the Irish company has a 46.5 per cent stake. That interest in JSC is in the group balance sheet at about $427 million, compared with a current market value of $1 billion.

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Britain's wealth gap 'as wide as ever'

By Robert Miller

THE wealth gap between Britain's rich and poor remains as wide as ever, according to a survey published yesterday by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS).

More than half the households in the UK have savings of less than £450, leaving those at the bottom end of the wealth scale with no safety net to cope with unemployment, sickness, or interest rate changes, it says.

The study — *The Distribution of Wealth in the UK* — is supported by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. It is based on 6,000 people interviewed by Financial Research Survey and 5,306 households featured in the Family Expenditure Survey.

The study says: "Surprisingly few households have substantial stocks of saving apart from their house and their pension. Not counting pensions or housing, half the sample have less than £450. But because there are a small number of very wealthy households, the average amount of wealth per household is almost £3,000."

Shares, personal equity plans (Peps), Tessas (tax-exempt special savings accounts), unit and investment trusts, and gilts are much more important for the top 5 per cent of households than other groups, where interest-bearing accounts are "by far" the most widely held asset.

The study says: "Interest-bearing accounts are the most heavily taxed of all forms of wealth. Contributions are paid out of taxed income, but interest income is also liable to income tax. In contrast, the generosity of the tax treatment of assets held by high-wealth individuals now approximates to a system which does not tax the return to saving."

Building societies have been far more successful in attracting Tessa investors than banks by a margin of 1.8 million to 906,000 accounts. More than two million people have Pep investments. In 1992, 2.5 million men and 1.2 million women had personal pension plans, and the combined figure today is nearer five million.

National Savings accounts feature strongly at both ends of the spectrum, but in the middle band there appears to be little appetite for NS products.

The IFS says that nearly six million individuals own shares in one company, while 2.2 million own shares in two, and less than one million own shares in three. However, those with investments in four or more companies rises sharply to 1.9 million.

☐ *The Distribution of Wealth in the UK*; IFS, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE (£6).

Laid-back Nineties acquire a brand image

Advertising agencies have latched on to the backlash against the culture of grab and spend. **Jon Ashworth** reports

REMEMBER the Eighties? Television advertisements reflected a world that gloried in spending money — a world of stately homes and luxury cars, executives jetting in on the red-eye from New York.

Times have changed. Suddenly, money is no longer the issue; family values are back in fashion. The quest for perfection has given way to a sense that you should accept yourself for who you are.

So the advertising copywriters would have us think. Behind the words lies a multi-million pound industry constantly striving to come up with new ideas. Luxury brands, from cars to homes to jewellery, are big business.

Anyone looking for proof should talk to Maryann Barone, the American-born head of The Chelsea Partnership, a London-based advertising agency. In a presentation in London yesterday, she spelt out some of the main differences between the go-getting Eighties and the laid-back Nineties.

> The spirit that gave us firms like Microsoft and Virgin has given way to a search for fulfilment

"Thatcher's children quickly went from the middle class to [being] purchasers of stately homes, luxury cars, diamonds, chauffeurs and first-class travel," she said. "Symbols to communicate their business success became not only a means to an end but icons in and of themselves."

Not any more. What Ms Barone calls the "high cost/high snob appeal" equation seen in television advertisements throughout the Eighties has gone out the window.

The recession has forced British consumers to keep a check on their purses and wallets. "The drive to material success that was a feature of the Eighties has been succeeded by a more philosophical and laid-back attitude." A few years ago, commercials for Volvo and BMW promoted luxury and spending for the sake of it. Today, the emphasis is on crash-test dummies and side-impact bars. The new Jaguar XJ Series was launched this week on a platform of airbags and anti-theft immobilisers.

British Airways' Club World previously used the theme of the top-notch businessman arriving fresh and alert after flying overnight from New York, to the chagrin of his boardroom rivals. Today, BA's business traveller reclines in his seat, dreaming of his family, and ends off up relaxing in a swimming pool on top of a skyscraper. The jet-setting boardroom theme is dead.

Ms Barone talks of a new self-assurance among consumers. "The energy, ambition and pioneering spirit of the Eighties that spawned companies like Apple Computer, Microsoft and Virgin Atlantic has given way to a search for personal fulfilment, if necessary at the expense of affluence. Work is not all-consuming. Life is more than office politics and titles." Overweight executives can take heart. Ms Barone speaks of the backlash against the self-punishing quest for physical perfection.

"Fitness is now about personal well-being, toning up rather than pumping up and going for the burn. I'm not perfect and never will be, so I will indulge occasionally. Why should gain involve pain? And because I do indulge now and then, I want to reward myself with the best."

Consumers are no longer prepared to buy luxury brands just for the name. Ms Barone and her colleagues, with multi-million-pound accounts to play with, are more conscious of that than anyone.

Opec still undecided on further output limit

From Reuter
in Dubai

THE head of Opec, Abdullah Salem al-Badri, who is also Libya's energy minister, has been soliciting the opinions of Opec member-states on whether the organisation, which will convene in Bali, Indonesia, on November 21, should prolong its current 24.52 million barrel per day production ceiling into the first part of next year.

He said it was too early to say whether an extension of the ceiling was the preferred option, pointing out that the Bali meeting still lay weeks ahead.

Badri met Saudi Arabia's crown prince yesterday, the Saudi news agency said. He delivered messages from Colonel Muammar Gaddafi calling for an Arab summit.

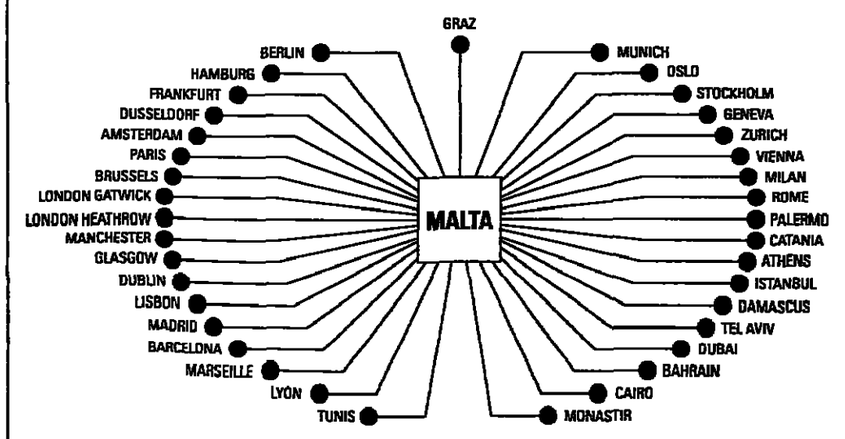
The agency said Badri, who arrived in Saudi Arabia from Bahrain on Tuesday, delivered a message from Gaddafi to Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul-Aziz, in Jeddah. Badri later left the kingdom for an unspecified destination, the agency said.

Badri, Opec's acting secretary-general, had said earlier, in Bahrain, that he would go to Oman and Kuwait.

Gaddafi has been seeking Arab backing for a summit that would discuss international sanctions imposed on Libya to force it to hand over two men for trial in connection with the 1988 bombing of an airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in which 270 people died.

Of the four countries Badri has visited so far — United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia — only Qatar has publicly supported a summit.

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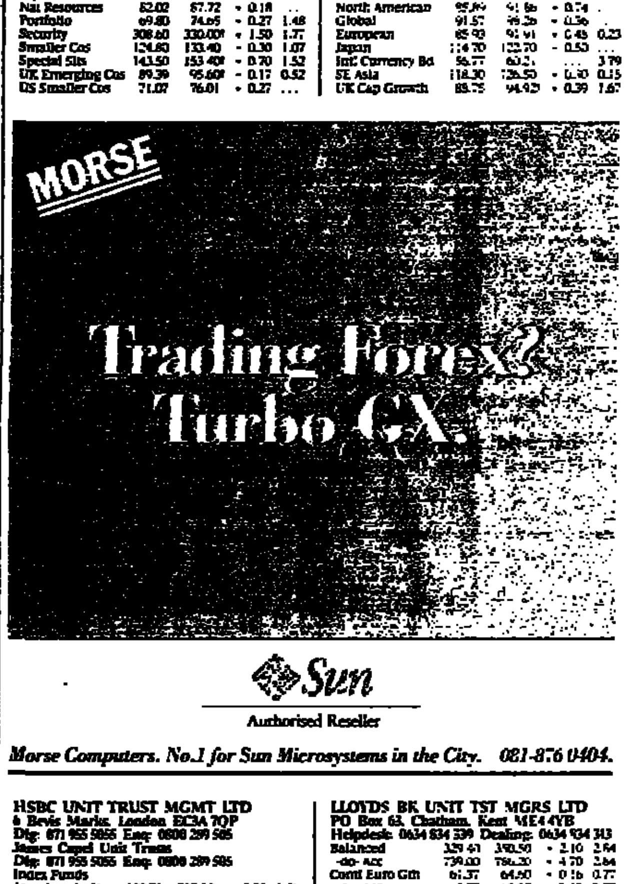
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Wwide Opps	181.70	191.30	...	0.41
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bus Inv Fd Inc	332.50	346.40	+2.80	2.88
European Bd Inc	87.75	90.83	+0.22	8.16
Exempt	71.16	75.91	-0.50	4.36
Financial	69.20	74.01	+0.27	2.80
500.0	438.70	469.10	-0.70	2.33
General	257.80	275.80	+1.20	2.71
Property	248.30	266.00	...	6.0
Trustee	170.70	182.50	+0.60	2.43
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.00	100.00	-0.80	4.51
Extra Income	113.30	121.20	+0.50	4.88
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.78	58.62	+0.01	9.01
Income	501.00	535.80	+3.50	4.18
Income Builder	60.36	64.21	+0.32	4.90
Intl Income	62.78	66.79	+0.35	3.56
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	110.60	118.00	+0.70	2.71
Leisure	116.10	124.20	+0.60	1.27
Recovery	395.80	423.00	-0.30	2.49
Smllr Cos Inc	42.06	45.10	-0.19	1.83
Special Sits	264.80	283.30	+0.90	1.59
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	122.20	130.70	-0.20	0.64
Aust Acc	247.00	260.80	-0.80	2.0
Aust Inc	153.60	162.40	-0.50	2.0
Euro Gwth Inc	145.00	153.90	+0.50	0.62
Japan & Gen Inc	187.40	198.40	+0.50	...
Japan Spec Sits	87.10	92.26	+0.22	...
Univ Tech Inc	78.65	83.59	+0.04	0.31
Worldwide	169.50	180.10	...	0.59
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9802				
American Growth	88.15	93.74	+0.05	...
Amer Smllr Cos	121.70	130.80	-0.40	...
Cash Trust	50.19	50.19	-0.01	4.10
Convertibles	56.19	59.02	+0.09	5.40
Eastern	294.50	316.80	+0.20	0.10
Equity Income	86.42	91.99	+0.15	5.00
European Growth	285.30	302.80	+1.80	1.00
Europe	215.80	230.50	+1.10	0.60
German Growth	70.16	74.56	+0.58	0.10
Global Bond	60.50	60.73	+0.07	5.90
Global Growth	122.80	130.90	+0.30	...
Japan Growth	209.40	223.70	+0.60	...
Japan Sunrise	186.40	198.40	-0.50	...
Korea Trust	86.06	91.91	-1.72	...
Portfolio	128.10	137.00	+0.40	1.60
UK Growth	84.18	89.55	+0.13	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	87.42	93.49	-0.41	1.50
Select Managers	72.52	77.67	-0.16	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	77.61	82.56	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	56.86	60.49	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	172.30	184.30	-0.30	1.43
Dividend	80.78	86.40	+0.44	3.85
Inc Gth & Inc	205.80	220.10	+0.60	2.69
UK & Gen	41.74	44.64	+0.08	1.52
Fund of Funds	64.36	68.83	-0.20	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6026				
Balanced Growth	101.22	107.11	+0.60	1.83
Smaller Cos	101.59	107.51	-0.60	1.15
Higher Yield	42.41	44.88	+0.20	3.39
American Gth Inc	69.14	73.16	-0.50	...
European Growth	131.78	139.45	-0.18	0.04
Global Bond Inc	25.83	27.27	-0.07	5.57
Mngd Pfolio Inc	41.42	43.82	-0.18	1.07
Int Spec Opps	177.42	174.25	-0.07	0.10
Pacific Gth	136.14	144.06	-0.40	...
Formerly LAS				
UK General	72.34	76.55	-0.69	1.93
Japan	66.39	70.26	-0.23	...
Gilt & Fixed Inc	91.05	92.90	+0.21	6.11
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7286				
Short Dated Gilt	61.17	63.98	+0.07	6.66
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	148.30	157.80	+0.10	1.67
UK Growth	156.60	166.60	+0.90	2.37
UK Income	126.90	135.00	+0.70	4.42
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	177.60	188.30	+1.10	2.30
-do- Income Dist	104.20	110.50	+0.70	4.53
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.05	40.34	+0.04	6.74
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 25 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AP 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	145.00	154.30	-0.30	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	76.50	81.09	+0.51	0.65
Smaller Cos (4+1)	79.30	84.58	-0.28	1.75
Growth	397.30	422.70	+1.10	2.29
Income & Growth	384.80	409.40	+2.40	3.93
Japan & Gen	76.70	81.58	-0.04	...
Master Portfolio	£101.97	£105.91	-50.00	1.93
Special Sits	92.57	98.27	+1.11	2.25
High Yield	£12.59	£12.98	+8.00	4.37
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 225 4477 Dealing: 0800 333 561				
American Gwth Tst	34.77	37.18	-0.01	0.27
Cash Income	50.49	50.49	+0.01	4.88
European Gwth	39.37	41.95	+0.25	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	25.80	27.59	-0.17	4.49
Intnl Gwth	30.53	32.65	-0.06	0.13
Japan Gwth	28.67	30.66	-0.21	...
Managed Tst Inc	46.82	50.07	-0.22	1.02
Oriental Opps Inc	148.30	158.60	+0.30	...
Property Shares	36.43	38.96	+0.09	0.64
Smaller Cos	30.52	32.64	-0.10	1.57
UK Growth Tst	24.46	26.15	+0.19	2.39
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.12	74.99	+0.10	1.38
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.51	68.99	+0.31	2.44
Exempt KI	28.84	30.70	...	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	138.10	147.70	+0.80	1.68
Foundation	89.05	95.24	+0.14	2.35
German	50.56	53.81	+0.26	...
High Income	70.39	75.28	-0.36	5.85
Income	135.30	144.70	...	3.07
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	79.28	84.79	+0.17	4.16
North American	99.85	106.70	-0.30	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.61	84.98	+0.33	2.37
American Portfolio	85.93	91.57	+0.15	1.07
European Portfolio	92.72	98.72	+0.37	0.86
Japanese Portfolio	69.85	74.31	-0.15	...
Pacific Portfolio	143.85	154.68	-0.26	0.75
UK Inc & Growth	73.60	78.96	+0.42	3.55
Utility & Bond	54.42	54.99	+0.46	6.03
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	62.32	66.29	+0.55	3.02
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	131.05	142.78	...	...
UK Income	104.81	114.38	...	5.255
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	70.79	75.05	+0.10	2.23
Beck Bio-Tech	26.72	29.78	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	154.75	162.90	...	1.30
City Fin Assets	68.44	72.81	...	1.09
City Fin America	80.90	85.16	-0.49	...
City Fin Intl	76.58	80.61	+0.49	0.49
City Fin Japan	174.76	183.96	-2.44	...
Friars Hse Cap	258.42	270.53	...	1.52
Friars Hse Inc	193.32	205.66	...	3.95
Buckley Wrld Grth	134.58	143.28	-0.36	0.08
Fairmnt Cap Gth	138.41	145.69	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	107.56	113.22	...	1.59
Fairmount Intl	155.77	163.97	...	...
City Fin Pflio Inc	55.92	59.49	...	4.14
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, Lond EC3M 1AJ 071 711 0771				
Emerging Markets	58.62	62.20	-0.09	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	53.18	56.88	+0.19	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.08	38.59	+0.06	0.36
Dragon Growth	72.86	77.93	-0.02	0.19
Equity High Inc	78.74	83.77	+0.50	3.96
European Gwth	49.00	52.13	+0.35	0.73
Evergreen	28.84	30.84	-0.05	...
General Equity	78.35	83.13	+0.49	2.61
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.40	24.61	+0.08	8.47
Japan Growth	53.78	57.52	+0.13	...
Pedigree Gwth	48.07	51.14	+0.10	2.72
Fed Sm Cos Inc	30.56	32.51	-0.06	1.03
Retirement Inc	25.08	26.82	+0.14	5.59
Special Sits	36.15	38.66	+0.13	1.83
UK & Overseas	46.75	49.73	+0.16	1.11
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 893 000				
Capital	62.59	66.94	+0.48	2.42
Income	56.95	60.90	+0.36	4.06
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	154.35	164.20	+0.87	5.46
Fixed & Convertible	39.27	41.78	+0.14	7.54
Monthly Inc Plus	46.73	49.71	...	9.01
Preference Share	45.86	48.79	+1.12	7.52
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	119.20	126.81	+0.48	7.37
Managed Fund	65.24	69.40	+0.31	2.56
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	39.34	41.85	-0.06	1.62
UK & General	74.39	79.14	+0.49	2.43
UK Growth	131.47	139.86	+0.96	2.44
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	185.43	197.27	+0.83	0.25
Far Eastern Gth	138.20	147.02	-0.02	...
Global Bond	77.61	82.51	+0.42	6.35
Japan Growth	127.61	135.76	...	...
North Amer Gth	149.61	159.16	-0.34	...
Oriental Growth	80.84	86.00	-0.11	...
Worldwide Growth	62.36	66.34	+0.10	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.01	93.01	+0.01	4.38
Homemaker Fund	73.98	78.70	+0.52	1.92
Quilter Fund	124.88	132.65	+3.01	2.65
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	55.62	59.17	+0.37	3.10
High Income	32.31	34.37	+0.19	4.80
Japan	37.20	39.57	+0.02	...
Smaller Cos Inc	30.43	32.37	-0.08	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.42	33.45	-0.08	2.40
North American	31.75	33.77	-0.07	0.30
European	35.97	38.26	+0.32	0.30
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.73	31.96	...	3.38
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	139.30	148.20	+1.00	1.83
Income	69.38	73.81	+0.39	5.01
European	59.26	63.05	+0.22	0.65
Recovery	143.20	152.40	+0.60	1.73
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	791.40	805.40	...	3.88
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	67.56	71.86	-0.12	1.36
Income	225.50	239.80	+1.40	4.80
Smaller Cos	147.20	156.50	-0.60	0.86
Inv Portfolio	74.82	79.59	+0.34	1.50
High Income Port	64.71	68.90	+0.34	5.03
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 489 0077				
Euro Small Cos	£15.43	£15.80	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£13.14	£13.41	...	...
UK Small Cos	£17.90	£18.66	...	...
US Small Cos	£15.79	£16.23	...	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	201.60	212.20	...	2.53
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	264.60	279.90	+1.10	1.00
New Asia	221.50	237.00	-0.60	...
Japan Growth	129.50	137.70	-0.30	...
Jap Smllr Co	545.20	579.50	-1.60	...
Nth Amer	241.30	255.50	-0.30	0.93
Shifrd Asia Pac Mt	124.50	131.90	-0.30	0.34
UK Inc & Grth	205.10	219.00	+1.40	2.75
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	133.10	141.60	+0.70	1.89
UK High Inc Inc	143.40	152.60	+0.80	4.72
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.15	58.51	+0.10	5.36
Envirnmnt Opps	80.18	85.30	+0.21	1.10
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	116.30	123.50	-0.30	1.42
Convertibles	20.57	21.86	+0.09	7.32
Equity Income	121.40	129.00	+1.00	4.11
EuroFund	44.08	46.72	+0.20	0.42
Financial	44.65	47.47	+0.07	1.69
Growth & Inc	221.40	235.20	+1.50	3.27
High Dist	148.60	157.90	+1.20	4.75
International	400.60	425.60	-1.50	0.12
Int Cap Inc	93.88	100.20	+0.10	2.99
Latin American	50.75	53.92	-0.93	...
Pacific	90.57	96.23	-0.71	...
Preference Share	21.82	23.18	+0.08	7.12
Tokyo	238.60	253.20	+0.40	...
UK Smaller Cos	223.30	237.30	-1.40	1.16
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL 071 242 0242				
Ecom Trust	204.54	218.75	-8.60	1.07
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	200.30	213.10	...	0.51
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	77.34	81.41	+0.33	1.73
Ethical Tst	44.75	47.11	+0.03	1.15
Far Eastern	312.85	329.32	-0.84	1.57
High Income	128.52	135.28	+1.38	4.74
Intl Growth	118.76	125.01	-0.17	1.38
North American	105.68	111.24	+0.23	1.04
Pelican	112.10	118.00	+1.01	3.19
Smaller Cos	69.72	73.39	+0.08	2.19
Special Sits	86.02	90.55	-0.05	2.43
Tst of Inv Tsts	183.40	193.05	+0.79	1.38
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	213.55	222.45	-0.64	1.17
Smaller Cos Acc	370.78	386.23	-1.12	1.17
Recovery	53.06	55.27	-0.18	1.18
Recovery Acc	53.18	55.40	-0.19	1.15
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	105.02	111.72	+0.35	6.07
Capital Growth	81.16	87.06	+0.28	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.76	47.74	+0.18	0.61
High Income	45.63	48.90	+0.18	9.06
Warrant	58.98	64.11	-0.06	...
Zero Preference	34.67	36.79	+0.03	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
Family Asset Tst	73.86	78.57	+0.080	2.27
Family Income Tst	47.01	47.01	+0.110	5.63
Family Trust	87.76	93.35	...	1.02
United Charities	262.90	279.60	...	2.60
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.40
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	...	...	...	...
-do- Europe	...	...	...	...
-do- America	...	...	...	...
-do- Asia-Japan	...	...	...	...
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	25.80	26.04	-0.02	8.39
Intl Bond	27.18	28.21	-0.09	5.46
Income Funds				
High Income	25.12	26.43	-0.03	5.41
Income Plus	111.40	118.50	+0.30	3.74

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Eq Inc	45.53	48.22	-0.21	1.01
European Income	41.74	44.35	-0.14	2.21
Far East Inc	62.34	66.39	-0.07	1.63
Global Convertible	22.69	24.21	+0.09	7.70
UK Dly Grth	22.80	24.31	+0.01	1.34
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	66.95	71.42	-0.29	
American	226.30	240.00	-0.10	...
Amer Spec Sits	107.20	114.60	+0.20	...
Japan Smaller Cos	43.56	46.47	-0.19	...
European	159.30	169.40	+1.00	...
European Opps	61.58	65.46	+0.23	...
Global Priv	24.06	25.60	-0.08	1.47
UK Growth	85.21	90.61	+0.14	...
Growth & Inc	133.50	141.80	+0.40	2.65
Intl PEP	35.23	37.46	+0.09	...
Japan Spec Sits	98.99	105.60	-0.40	...
Japan	232.50	246.50	-0.50	...
Managed Intl	267.30	284.60	-0.20	...
Moneybuilder	52.12	55.62	+0.04	...
Recovery	46.56	49.83	+0.06	...
South E Asia	159.30	168.90	+0.22	...
Special Sits	508.00	538.10	+1.90	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	...	...	...	...
UK Reverse Index	...	...	...	...
Europe Index	...	...	...	...
-do- Reverse Index	...	...	...	...
America Index	...	...	...	...
-do- Reverse Index	...	...	...	...
Japan Index	...	...	...	...
-do- Reverse Index	...	...	...	...
Cash Accum Units	106.60	106.60	+0.01	4.40
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2780				
Balanced	134.80	135.37	-0.27	1.54
Inc Pflio	83.33	84.92	+0.31	3.69
Cap Pflio	141.00	143.80	+0.80	0.90
General Opps	119.20	121.40	-0.20	3.42
Growth Inc	29.67	30.33	+0.26	1.68
Private Portfolio	385.60	394.20	+0.40	1.50
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	111.50	118.10	+0.80	0.46
Emrg Asian	176.40	192.40	-1.40	...
High Income	21.35	22.74	+0.07	9.89
Oseas Income	90.19	96.19	+0.08	3.15
UK Growth	105.30	112.60	+0.30	1.27
UK Income	101.10	107.90	+0.70	5.56
US Smaller Cos	281.90	301.50	-0.70	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	46.55	49.52	+0.30	3.40
-Gr- Inv Tst Inc	75.48	80.30	+0.11	4.11
Intl Growth	71.04	75.57	...	1.19
Investment Trust	90.91	96.71	+0.17	...
UK Smaller Cos	76.54	81.43	-0.37	1.32
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	51.24	54.72	-0.01	
(Accum Units)	51.24	54.72	-0.01	...
Amer Smllr Cos	444.30	475.10	-1.53	...
(Accum Units)	453.90	485.40	-1.40	...
Capital Tst	305.00	324.40	-0.80	1.51
(Accum Units)	435.40	463.10	-1.30	1.51
Conti Smllr Cos	58.56	62.96	-0.10	0.52
(Accum Units)	61.59	66.20	-0.12	0.52
Convertible	128.50	136.60	+0.20	5.45
(Accum Units)	253.50	269.60	+0.50	5.48
Emerging Markets	83.21	88.89	-0.31	...
(Accum Units)	83.28	88.97	-0.30	...
European	117.70	125.30	+0.50	...
(Accum Units)	123.40	131.30	+0.60	...
Extra Income	319.70	340.00	+1.10	3.90
(Accum Units)	473.10	503.20	+1.60	3.90
Financial	117.80	126.70	...	0.20
(Accum Units)	124.00	133.40	-0.10	0.20
Gilt Trust	60.32	62.21	+0.20	6.25
(Accum Units)	81.91	84.50	+0.27	6.25
Health Fund Inc	122.80	131.10	...	...
(Accum Units)	122.80	131.10	...	...
Income & Growth	185.30	197.10	+0.50	3.50
(Accum Units)	272.50	289.80	+0.60	3.50
Intl Growth	349.80	373.40	-0.30	...
(Accum Units)	388.40	414.60	-0.30	...
Japan & Gen	189.90	203.30	-0.10	...
(Accum Units)	191.80	205.30	-0.10	...
Managed Port Inc	102.10	107.40	...	1.48
(Accum Units)	108.30	113.90	+0.10	1.45
Monthly Income	158.70	168.80	...	3.93
Quarterly Income	51.39	54.66	+0.25	4.42
(Accum Units)	54.15	57.59	+0.26	4.42
Recovery	339.30	362.80	-1.90	...
(Accum Units)	399.40	427.10	-2.30	...
UK Growth	49.60	52.98	+0.25	2.82
(Accum Units)	51.30	54.80	+0.26	2.82
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, P'mth Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881342				
FP Equity Dist	362.80	385.90	+1.80	3.11
-do- Accum	757.00	805.30	+3.70	3.11
FP Euro Gth Dist	135.10	143.70	+0.40	0.32
-do- Accum	140.90	149.80	+0.40	0.32
FP Fixed Int Dist	124.70	131.90	+0.60	7.39
-do- Accum	225.70	238.70	+1.20	7.39
FP Intl Gth Dist	92.21	98.09	-0.16	0.51
-do- Accum	96.17	102.30	-0.20	0.51
FP Nth Amer Dist	179.20	189.80	-0.90	0.82
-do- Accum	196.60	208.30	-1.00	0.82
FP Pac Basin Dist	322.40	342.90	-0.50	0.13
-do- Accum	328.90	349.80	-0.50	0.13
Stewardship Dist	316.50	338.80	-0.50	2.08
-do- Accum	385.30	409.80	-0.60	2.08
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	70.78	75.29	-0.03	3.61
-do- Accum	90.43	96.20	-0.05	3.61
N Am Stship Dist	95.98	102.10	-0.20	0.62
-do- Accum	101.70	108.10	-0.30	0.62
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	105.70	112.40	...	0.88
Open Cap Gth Acc	109.70	116.60	-0.20	0.0
Cap Gth Inc Inc	101.80	107.40	...	1.72
Cap Gth Inc Acc	102.60	109.10	...	1.72
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	103.20	109.70	...	1.66
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	104.70	111.30	-0.10	1.66
NM Unit Trusts				
American	41.83	44.50	-0.01	1.43
Australian	323.50	347.10	+1.70	0.0
Conscience	68.52	73.12	-1.78	0.44
European	193.90	206.20	+1.40	0.65
Extra Income	68.32	72.91	-0.01	6.09
Gilt & FI	54.06	57.05	+0.43	6.50
Gold	58.69	63.10	-0.48	0.0
Income	52.04	55.50	+0.41	4.01
Intnl	32.59	34.78	+0.20	0.61
Jap Smaller Cos	394.60	420.90	-2.10	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	272.20	291.90	+6.60	0.0
Smaller Cos	29.62	31.84	-0.78	0.99
Special Sits	34.59	37.19	+0.25	1.85
Sterling Deposit	100.90	100.90	+0.10	4.80
Tokyo	91.47	97.56	-0.20	0.0
UK Equity	165.20	176.20	-1.10	2.30
US Smaller Cos	109.10	116.60	+1.20	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	224.80	237.70	+1.50	2.48
Cash	49.52	50.26	+0.01	3.77
Growth Portfolio	77.41	82.05	+0.23	0.71
Income Portfolio	61.80	66.36	+0.27	4.51
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	167.70	179.40	...	...
European	551.30	589.10	+4.40	0.46
Far East & Gen	294.40	314.90	-3.10	...
Germany	118.30	125.30	+0.30	...
Income Inc	147.00	157.30	+0.40	4.49
International	343.00	366.90	-1.70	0.19
Intl Income	78.06	82.85	+0.15	4.17
Japan & General	413.70	440.00	-2.10	...
Korean Securities	77.37	82.65	-1.55	...
Smllr Cos Div Inc	48.22	51.58	-0.01	4.61
UK Capital (Inc)	167.20	178.90	...	0.97
UK Spec Sits	84.84	90.74	-0.22	0.36
US & General	131.80	140.30	+0.30	...
Wwide Spec Sits	156.30	166.90	-0.50	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	45.22	48.36	+0.44	2.38
Cash Trust	134.69	134.69	+0.01	4.16
Practical Inv Inc	110.59	118.28	+0.37	3.31
UK Index	138.83	141.33	-0.91	3.23
UK Smaller Cos	117.43	125.59	-0.55	1.01
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.81	25.47	...	9.46
High Income	32.08	34.31	+0.21	5.07
UK Equity Income	130.61	139.69	+0.90	3.82
Global Bond	26.80	27.78	+0.05	5.18
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	60.69	64.91	-0.17	...
Global Inc & Gth	131.75	140.23	+0.47	1.67
Gold & Intl Res	125.45	134.17	-1.22	...
Global Utilities	132.96	142.20	+0.18	0.84
Overseas Funds				
American	134.63	143.95	-0.05	0.90
European	94.91	100.82	+0.88	0.95
Euro Sel Opps	135.36	144.14	+0.16	...
Amer Emerging	93.07	99.54	-0.01	...
Hong Kong	149.78	160.19	+1.18	1.46
Japan	256.27	272.31	+0.43	...
Pacific Growth	231.84	247.96	-0.16	1.16
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	205.84	205.84	+1.01	1.92
Long Term Bal	222.97	222.97	+4.55	2.38
Med Term Bal	187.24	187.24	+3.08	3.22
UK Equity	225.76	225.76	+1.56	2.54
UK Emerging Cos	137.56	137.56	-0.44	2.09
American	221.77	221.77	+0.26	1.34
Japan	133.77	133.77	-0.82	...
European	248.30	248.30	+2.01	0.83
Index Linked Gilt	160.67	160.67	+0.72	3.12
Fixed Interest	147.18	147.18	+0.96	6.99
Amer Emergng	248.11	248.11	-0.24	...
Pacific	253.19	253.19	-0.47	0.77
Emerging Mkts	180.44	180.44	-0.89	0.29
Index Strat Japan	157.78	157.78	-2.71	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	197.81	197.81	-3.48	0.98
-do- Cont Europe	143.99	143.99	+3.13	1.60
Index Strat USA	123.89	123.89	+0.21	2.32
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	97.23	103.44	+0.51	...
Med Term Bal	89.04	94.73	-0.39	...
Long Term Bal	100.39	106.80	+0.43	...
UK Equity	104.42	111.09	+0.27	...
UK Emerging Cos	64.56	68.68	-0.22	...
American	103.07	109.65	+0.13	...
Japan	64.38	68.49	+0.42	...
European	103.49	110.09	-0.89	...
Fixed Interest	74.25	78.99	+0.51	...
Index Linked Gilt	71.34	75.89	+0.34	...
Deposit	78.79	83.81	...	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	120.68	127.03	-0.54	...
Berkeley Income	109.23	114.98	-0.30	2.22
BWH Intl	137.68	144.93	-0.36	0.59
Bretiff Gth Port Inc	59.02	62.29	-0.11	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.65	57.68	-0.04	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	52.83	55.76	-0.22	0.50
Shaw Utilities	57.37	60.55	+0.12	2.44
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	140.10	149.50	...	1.06
Higher Income	121.50	127.50	-1.40	2.01
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
A Intl Inc	526.50	560.11	...	0.85
European Inc	141.41	150.44	-2.79	0.94
Amalgam Inc	146.19	154.78	-2.07	...
N America Inc	319.07	339.44	...	...
Far East Inc	367.88	391.36	...	...
UK Divfd Inc	173.41	184.48	-1.84	1.29
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	84.97	89.50	+0.24	4.65
UK Small Cos	46.69	49.94	-0.24	0.85
British Growth	50.34	53.19	+0.25	2.39
American Gwth	152.69	163.31	-0.03	...
Japan Gwth	82.28	88.00	-0.76	...
Greater China	200.77	214.73	-0.43	...
Pacific Strategy	180.03	192.54	+0.16	...
European Gwth	85.66	91.41	+0.17	0.15
Intl Growth	145.17	155.26	-0.51	0.33
US Index (I)	12.66	13.36	+0.02	3.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	72.51	76.81	+0.17	2.21
Monthly Income	38.28	40.85	+0.19	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (I)	9.76	10.39	+0.20	3.60

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GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	91.18	96.93	...	1.19
Bridge Income	256.21	272.62	+2.17	5.49
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9666				
Cash	136.50	136.50		3.65
European	472.30	504.50	+3.40	0.13
Gilt & Fixed	125.60	126.00	+0.50	5.24
Growth Equity	318.50	340.20	+1.90	1.91
Income Trust	123.30	131.60	+1.30	2.80
International	179.90	192.10	-0.10	
Japan Trust	133.70	142.80	-0.40	
Nth American	246.90	265.90	-0.80	0.20
Pacific	574.30	613.50	-1.80	
Guardhill	464.50	496.20	+3.30	1.95
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	97.16	100.62	+0.29	6.76
Global High Inc	97.64	101.33	-0.20	7.34
Prem Fixed Int	99.19	101.92	-0.07	8.57
Eqty & Bond Inc	97.49	105.66	+0.01	5.08
European Growth	97.49	103.65	+0.50	
Intl PEP Trust	58.44	62.14		
High Income	116.73	124.10	+1.76	4.09
Recovery	380.40	404.50	-1.50	1.47
St Vinc High Inc	121.57	125.42	+3.65	6.98
Tmp Bar Emer Co	248.90	264.73	-1.20	1.47
Tmp Br Sm Co In	332.40	356.60	-1.60	2.00
Glob Prv Tst	91.67	97.47	-0.51	1.23
Inc Share Tst	89.44	95.09	-1.65	8.36
For Halifax funds see Standard Life				
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pflio	193.30	205.00	+1.50	2.66
Smaller Cos	33.45	35.59	-0.19	0.84
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT PO Box 2152, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	286.28	306.31	+0.39	1.32
Best of British	60.46	64.29	+0.45	2.68
UK Smaller Cos	122.48	131.66	-0.04	1.22
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	266.80	283.06	+2.02	3.20
High Income	312.50	334.15	+1.00	3.93
Extra Income	263.36	280.07	-1.28	5.28
Pref & Gilt	42.25	47.00	-0.01	9.34
International				
International	269.44	287.57	+0.52	0.01
Global Bond	56.32	53.54	+0.13	5.70
Family of Funds	80.70	86.31	-0.15	0.17
Global Tech	140.22	149.96	+0.13	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	190.30	203.50	+0.02	
European	456.22	494.09	+1.72	0.51
European Income	79.17	83.89	+0.51	2.65
Euro Smlr Cos	144.53	155.40	-0.32	
Eur Sp Sits	68.38	72.74	+0.46	0.18
Japan Trust	230.00	244.51	+1.14	
Japan Special Sits	259.17	275.98	+0.57	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	279.29	297.10	-0.11	
North American	225.33	239.51	-0.23	0.45
American Smaller	98.46	105.25	-0.15	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	52.30	55.45	-0.09	
Eur Sp Sits	58.69	62.21	+0.41	...
General Growth	40.68	43.12	+0.30	
Global Tech	54.85	58.14	+0.06	
Income Growth	40.44	42.86	+0.30	
Japan Growth	28.14	29.82	+0.13	...
Overseas Growth	39.36	41.72	+0.09	...
Smaller Cos	21.84	23.15	-0.09	...
Special Opps	29.00	30.73	-0.02	...
Wwide Sp Sits	49.11	52.05	+0.10	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	93.56	100.00	+0.59	1.82
Capital	166.70	178.20	+0.90	1.49
Dollar	325.40	348.00	+0.70	...
European	224.50	240.10	+0.90	...
Far East	339.10	362.60	+0.30	0.14
Financial	774.80	828.60	+5.50	1.33
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.38	25.35	+0.05	7.97
High Yield	100.80	107.80	+0.60	4.22
Income & Growth	136.50	145.90	+0.90	3.52
International	250.30	267.70	+0.90	...
Japanese General	212.60	227.30	-0.80	...
Japan Tech	87.71	93.80	-0.09	...
Nat Resources	82.02	87.72	+0.18	...
Portfolio	69.80	74.65	-0.27	1.48
Security	308.60	330.00	+1.50	1.77
Smaller Cos	124.80	133.40	-0.30	1.07
Special Sits	143.50	153.40	-0.70	1.52
UK Emerging Cos	89.39	95.60	-0.17	0.52
US Smaller Cos	71.07	76.01	+0.27	...



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HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 6 Bevis Marks, London EC3A 7QP Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505 James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	198.20	200.50	+0.30	1.36
Eurotrack 100	150.70	160.30	+1.10	1.08
Footsie Fund	50.30	53.22	+0.42	2.71
Japan Index	80.51	89.12	+0.01	0.09
Tiger Index	218.00	232.70	-0.20	0.21
Trade Index	108.50	115.80	-0.10	1.88
UK Index	131.60	140.50	+0.90	3.09
Active Funds				
American Growth	461.00	492.00	-1.70	0.62
Asian	59.68	63.69	+0.05	0.14
Capital	557.70	595.20	+4.70	2.13
European Growth	110.30	117.40	-0.60	...
Global Bond	20.38	21.53	+0.05	7.15
Hong Kong Gwth	108.80	116.00	-0.80	0.71
Income	539.80	576.10	+3.50	3.97
Japan Growth	300.60	320.40	-1.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.41	42.06	-0.27	...
Spore & Mlysa Gth	80.83	86.26	-1.46	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 529200 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	58.61	62.66	+0.18	2.89
(Accum Units)	60.87	65.10	+0.19	2.89
British Tst	78.87	84.35	+0.54	1.98
(Accum Units)	90.67	96.97	+0.62	1.98
Extra High Inc	66.09	70.68	+0.16	6.54
(Accum Units)	124.30	132.90	+0.30	6.54
Gilt & Fxd Int	51.54	53.63	+0.21	7.43
(Accum Units)	147.00	153.00	+0.60	7.43
High Yield	216.50	231.60	+0.90	5.26
(Accum Units)	528.90	565.60	+2.10	5.26
Income	275.30	294.40	+1.50	3.47
(Accum Units)	598.90	640.50	+3.20	3.47
Money Market UT	49.57	49.57	...	3.85
(Accum Units)	76.43	76.43	...	3.83
Monthly Income	81.27	86.92	+0.30	6.18
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	93.86	99.85	+0.65	1.97
European Growth	106.50	113.30	+0.50	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	79.72	84.80	+0.32	6.56
Income	80.97	86.14	+0.43	2.97
Japan Growth	56.79	60.41	-0.25	...
Managed	65.86	70.06	+0.21	2.51
Money Markets	85.26	90.38	+0.01	4.45
North American	85.32	90.77	-0.23	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	85.36	90.70	+0.59	1.95
European Growth	100.30	106.70	+0.50	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	75.97	80.62	+0.31	6.52
Income	79.51	84.61	+0.41	3.03
Japan Growth	56.63	60.24	-0.24	...
Managed	62.98	67.00	+0.19	2.48
Money Market	78.83	83.56	...	4.40
North American	77.75	82.71	-0.20	0.99
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	85.34	90.79	+0.59	1.93
European Growth	97.95	104.20	+0.50	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	69.76	74.02	+0.26	6.67
Income	78.75	83.78	+0.41	3.05
Japan Growth	57.97	61.67	-0.25	...
Managed	65.90	70.11	+0.21	2.47
Money Market	73.67	78.09	...	4.46
North American	86.08	91.57	-0.23	0.46
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	...	...	...	...
Smaller Cos	28.29	30.40	-0.12	0.80
Special Features	...	...	...	...
(Accum Units)	...	...	...	...
General Funds				
Managed	69.71	72.35	+0.25	2.44
Rupert Child Fnd	79.55	82.57	+0.74	2.23
UK Growth	56.81	58.96	+0.28	2.40
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.22	50.22	...	3.89
Cashbox (Acc)	58.33	58.33	+0.01	3.89
Extra Income	80.62	83.68	+0.42	5.45
Gilt & Fixed Int	24.95	25.74	+0.04	8.44
Income & Growth	38.54	40.00	+0.19	3.16
UK Income	318.00	330.00	+2.50	3.52
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.96	49.67	-0.03	...
US Smaller Cos	103.20	107.10	+0.50	...
(Accum Units)	104.30	108.20	+0.50	...
Europe Gth	151.10	156.50	-0.30	...
(Accum Units)	156.30	161.80	-0.30	...
Euro Smaller Cos	28.90	30.09	+0.01	...
French Growth	75.86	78.74	-0.34	...
Accum Units	81.27	84.35	-0.57	...
H Kong & China	91.71	95.19	+0.95	1.44
Intl Growth	57.08	59.24	-0.20	0.35
Accum Units	57.36	59.53	+0.19	0.35
Japan Gth	36.28	37.65	-0.03	...
Accum Units	36.28	37.65	-0.03	...
Japan Smaller Cos	45.94	47.68	+0.06	...
Glob Emrg Mkts	120.90	125.40	-0.60	...
Accum Units	121.70	126.30	-0.60	...
SE Asia	352.80	366.20	+5.90	0.21
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	...	...	...	...
Intl Bond	51.31	51.87	...	5.15

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JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	54.34	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ecology	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Far Eastern	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.11
Smllr Cos Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.53
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Special	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.38
General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	460.80	490.90	[illegible]	
Japanese Special	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Master Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.30	2.65
Pacific	[illegible]	774.40	[illegible]	0.22
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.65
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9LA 071 629 1013				
Global Inc & Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Inv Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.12	
Cautious Inc Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.60
High Inc Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.50
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Intl & General	[illegible]	[illegible]		
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.57
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.99
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.23
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.57
Recovery Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.30
European Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japanese Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
American Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Managed	66.42	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]		3.83
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.45
UK Inc/Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
UK Income	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.29
UK Sm Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.74
Euro Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]		
N Amer Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]		0.12
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]		...
Money Mkt	122.44	122.44		2.290
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	447.00	475.50	+2.90	2.65
Equity Income	94.47	100.50	+0.56	3.86
UK Tactical Allocn	53.27	56.57	-0.04	2.78
European	112.00	119.10	+0.90	0.82
Far Eastern	249.20	264.10	-0.70	
Fixed Interest	48.15	51.22	+0.03	7.13
Gilt	85.22	90.80	-0.50	5.30
Global Growth	79.30	84.04	-0.16	0.12
Intl Bond	49.67	52.75	-0.04	5.46
Japanese	16.32	15.62	-0.25	...
North American	143.00	152.10	-0.20	0.69
Pacific Growth	123.30	130.50		
UK Index	66.05	67.36	+0.37	3.04
UK Recovery	55.22	58.96	-0.67	1.72
UK Smaller Cos	120.50	128.20	-0.50	1.36
US Index	56.36	59.48		1.53
European Index	71.22	75.17	+0.55	1.53
Japan Index	43.56	45.97	-0.07	...
Worldwide	63.73	69.27	-0.19	1.31
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0500 292 621				
Growth	46.67	51.41	-0.29	1.80
Income	57.71	61.72	-0.23	2.63
Far East	57.97	62.30	-0.02	
North American	95.89	91.86	-0.74	
Global	91.57	98.26	-0.36	
European	85.93	91.91	+0.45	0.23
Japan	114.70	122.70	-0.50	...
Intl Currency Bd	56.77	60.21	...	3.79
SE Asia	118.30	126.50	-0.30	0.15
UK Cap Growth	88.75	94.92	+0.39	1.67
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 934 313				
Balanced	329.61	350.50	+2.10	2.64
-do- Acc	739.00	786.20	+4.70	2.64
Contl Euro Gth	61.37	64.60	+0.16	0.77
-do- Acc	65.37	68.82	+0.18	0.77
Extra Inc	248.80	264.70	+1.50	4.21
-do- Acc	631.30	671.70	+11.70	4.21
German Gth	123.60	130.20	-0.30	0.15
-do- Acc	129.70	136.60	-0.20	0.15
Growth Port	521.10	554.40	+7.10	0.14
-do- Acc	529.50	563.70	-7.20	0.14
Income	475.10	505.30	+2.80	3.86
-do- Acc	£12.51	£13.31	+8.00	3.86
Income Port	499.90	531.90	+5.30	4.45
-do- Acc	520.50	553.80	+5.60	4.43
Japan Growth	111.10	118.20	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	111.50	118.70	-0.50	...
Master Trust	56.26	59.86	+0.11	1.44
-do- Acc	62.61	66.62	+0.12	1.44
N American Gen	172.70	195.80	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	199.50	212.30	-0.70	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	132.20	140.70	+0.21	...
-do- Acc	134.90	143.60	-0.30	...
Pacific Basin	280.90	296.90	+5.80	0.58
-do- Acc	298.00	317.10	+6.10	0.56
Small Cos Rec	352.10	370.70	-1.50	1.96
-do- Acc	466.30	490.90	-2.00	1.96
UK Growth	82.07	87.31	+0.48	2.46
-do- Acc	98.60	104.90	+0.60	2.46
World Growth Gth	315.50	335.70	-0.10	0.31
-do- Acc	465.50	495.30	...	0.31
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	63.80	68.45	-0.06	0.10
General	83.28	89.35	+0.55	2.30
Income	63.40	66.02	+0.06	5.40
International	64.81	69.54	+0.03	0.40
Japan	61.42	65.90	-0.24	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	68.50	73.49	-0.25	1.60
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	387.40	409.70	...	0.68
(Accum Units)	480.80	508.60	...	0.68
Amer Recovery	444.50	470.10	-2.70	0.35
(Accum Units)	509.50	538.90	-3.00	0.35
Amer Smllr Cos	124.40	131.60	-0.80	...
(Accum Units)	127.10	134.50	-0.70	...
Australasian	167.00	176.60	-1.10	1.81
(Accum Units)	202.50	214.00	-1.40	1.81
Capital	800.80	846.80	+1.20	2.25
(Accum Units)	909.80	962.10	+1.40	2.26
Charifund	669.00	675.70	+2.50	5.65
(Accum Units)	£30.25	£30.65	+11.50	5.65
Commodity	412.00	435.70	-0.20	0.31
(Accum Units)	604.00	638.80	-0.30	0.31
Compound Grth	898.90	950.60	+2.50	2.75
(Accum Units)	430.20	963.80	+2.60	2.75
Dividend	38.60	41.00	+0.30	4.42
(Accum Units)	159.20	168.40	+1.00	4.42
Equity Income	341.30	363.00	+0.90	4.79
(Accum Units)	434.40	459.30	+1.10	4.79
Euro & General	499.60	525.30	+0.90	0.90
(Accum Units)	630.80	667.00	+1.20	0.90
Euro Dividend	67.60	71.50	+0.30	3.71
(Accum Units)	80.50	85.20	+0.30	3.71
Extra Yield	395.60	416.30	+1.90	4.85
(Accum Units)	£12.27	£12.98	+6.00	4.85
Far Eastern	377.40	399.10	+1.10	0.45
(Accum Units)	500.00	529.70	+1.40	0.45
Fund of Inv Tsts	599.80	634.30	+0.90	1.68
(Accum Units)	£11.12	£11.76	+1.70	1.68
General	58.10	61.43	+0.20	3.80
(Accum Units)	160.20	169.40	+0.60	3.80
Gilt Income	57.02	57.14	-0.04	7.79
(Accum Units)	152.72	154.01	-0.12	7.79
Gold	77.90	82.40	-0.40	0.45
(Accum Units)	91.90	97.30	-0.50	0.45
High Income	27.60	29.20	+0.10	4.69
(Accum Units)	108.00	115.10	+0.30	4.69
Intl Growth	77.80	82.30	+0.20	0.93
(Accum Units)	135.50	143.40	+0.40	0.93
International Inc	99.50	106.20	...	4.40
(Accum Units)	143.80	152.00	...	4.40
Japan & Gen	50.75	53.60	...	...
(Accum Units)	54.40	57.50	...	...
Japan Smlr Cos	182.50	193.00	+0.10	...
(Accum Units)	183.70	194.30	...	...
Managed Income	26.70	28.00	...	4.03
Midland	63.30	66.90	+0.10	2.73
(Accum Units)	208.10	220.20	-0.40	2.73
Pension Ex	905.80	928.50	+3.60	4.28
Recovery	40.40	42.70	+0.10	2.54
(Accum Units)	65.70	69.50	+0.20	2.54
Second General	69.90	73.90	...	3.30
(Accum Units)	178.30	188.70	+0.10	3.30
Smaller Cos	67.90	71.80	-0.50	2.90
(Accum Units)	133.40	141.10	-0.90	2.90
Treasury	24.90	25.01	...	4.95
Trustee	41.50	43.90	+0.10	4.19
(Accum Units)	160.60	173.10	+0.40	4.19
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	79.40	84.46	+0.62	0.59
High Income	279.10	296.90	+0.90	4.17
Intl Bond	60.49	63.63	-0.04	6.29
Intl Equity Growth	69.76	74.20	+0.15	0.41
N Amer Growth	90.60	96.38	-0.26	0.89
Special Sits Growth	20.71	22.05	-0.10	1.59
UK Growth	358.90	381.80	+1.60	2.46

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MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5667				
A Intl Investors	£12.67	£12.99		2.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	175.40	179.60	-2.50	4.39
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Unit	184.90	197.60	+0.80	2.56
Gilt & Fxd Int	159.60	168.10	+0.60	7.05
Intl Growth	210.60	225.60	-0.30	0.16
North American	170.50	168.30	-0.20	0.35
Far East	296.70	306.60	-0.40	0.63
UK Smaller Cos	167.60	179.30	-0.20	1.79
European	79.67	84.94	+0.36	0.15
Japanese Growth	51.23	54.44	-0.12	
High Income	177.10	189.40	+1.10	4.75
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 688 866				
M & S In. Pfolio	144.70	153.90	+0.46	2.09
-do- Accum	164.80	175.30	+0.46	2.09
UK Sel Pfolio	123.90	131.80	+0.61	2.28
-do- Accum	142.40	151.50	+0.61	2.28
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 642				
Managed Tst	60.06	64.53		4.23
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	69.55	73.83	+0.14	4.46
European	79.24	84.12	+0.53	0.42
Income & Growth	71.36	74.71	+0.25	2.49
Nth American	58.17	61.75	+0.16	0.65
Far East	177.90	189.90	-0.20	
Japan	60.11	63.91	-0.22	
Emrging Mkts	121.00	129.40	-1.10	
Intl Growth	110.60	117.20	-0.20	0.21
UK Growth	85.91	90.86	-0.27	0.81
UK Smlr Co	45.40	48.20	-0.18	0.54
Asian Opps Fd	42.23	45.17	-0.14	0.12
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	392.56	417.65	+3.03	4.78
Global Inc	63.28	67.32	+0.34	2.70
Brit Leaders	322.26	342.85	+2.94	2.04
Intl Leaders	192.52	204.81	+0.98	0.95
PAM Mgr Bal Grth	63.56	66.06	-0.04	0.69
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2060				
American	191.50	203.40	-0.70	
(Accum Units)	204.60	217.50	-0.60	
British Blue Chip	75.50	80.29	+0.59	3.10
(Accum Units)	93.10	99.02	+0.73	3.10
Cash	100.70	100.70		4.40
(Accum Units)	135.80	135.80		4.90
Emerging Mkts	129.60	138.30	-1.20	0.18
European Growth	241.70	256.00	-0.60	0.29
(Accum Units)	260.00	276.00	-0.60	0.29
European Income	60.32	65.08	+0.01	3.37
(Accum Units)	107.20	113.29		3.37
General	477.20	508.90	+3.40	2.44
(Accum Units)	933.10	992.00	+6.60	2.44
Global Bond	115.90	121.80	+0.30	6.72
(Accum Units)	139.40	146.50	+0.30	6.72
Gold & General	240.40	254.50	-0.50	0.35
(Accum Units)	246.30	265.40	-0.30	0.35
Govt Securities	66.56	69.25	+0.35	6.34
(Accum Units)	164.40	169.50	+0.60	6.34
Income	144.30	154.10	+0.50	4.50
(Accum Units)	222.90	237.00	+0.70	4.50
Inc Portfolio	92.96	98.47	+0.30	5.26
(Accum Units)	92.86	98.47	+0.30	5.26
International	457.40	486.20	+1.50	0.33
(Accum Units)	610.00	648.50	+2.00	0.33
Japan	199.80	211.80	-0.70	...
(Accum Units)	205.10	217.40	-0.70	...
New Europe	176.00	187.70	+0.50	0.75
(Accum Units)	179.90	191.90	+0.40	0.75
Pacific	133.20	142.10	-1.00	0.81
(Accum Units)	142.60	152.10	-1.00	0.81
Recovery	303.30	323.50	+0.10	0.60
(Accum Units)	385.60	411.30	+0.10	0.60
UK Smaller Cos	56.36	60.14	-0.41	0.90
(Accum Units)	63.76	68.01	-0.48	0.90
Portfolio	77.47	82.39	+0.26	2.80
(Accum Units)	90.93	96.71	+0.30	2.80
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	112.41	119.56	+0.52	0.90
Portfolio	65.91	70.12	+0.29	0.07
UK Income Inc	72.42	77.04	+0.46	4.86
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.57	13.36	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0926 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	310.20	329.90	+0.50	...
European Gth Inc	422.60	453.20	+3.90	0.20
Intl Gwth	195.30	208.30	+0.80	...
UK Equity Inc	173.80	185.40	+0.90	3.16
UK Ind Trckr Inc	150.70	161.40	+0.83	2.79
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	186.60	197.80	-0.30	1.45
Japan Tracker	79.53	84.25	-0.08	...
Asian Tracker	222.10	239.60	-1.00	0.27
Managed Inc	150.60	161.90	+0.40	1.46
Deposit Inc	99.90	99.90	...	4.33
Europa	178.30	192.30	-0.20	0.26
Genesis	152.90	167.70	-0.80	2.26
High Income	21.79	23.13	+0.14	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	90.93	93.05	+0.37	2.23
Acumen Inc	87.02	89.06	+0.36	2.23
Acumen Reserve	79.72	79.51	+0.08	8.38
-do- Inc	69.75	70.45	+0.07	8.38
Americas Growth	165.30	170.00	-1.70	0.85
Cash Income	49.76	49.76	+0.01	4.18
Equity Income	91.24	93.66	+0.60	4.60
European	70.21	71.85	+0.44	...
Smaller Cos	77.26	80.84	-0.13	1.08
Olympiad	68.72	70.34	+0.13	0.02
Global Bond	41.97	42.45	+0.01	6.57
UK Growth	87.89	90.45	+0.76	1.83
Pacific Growth	118.90	122.60	-0.30	...
Japan Growth	100.90	102.50	...	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	115.41	122.78	+1.01	2.93
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	71.03	75.57	-0.68	2.22
UK Income	103.50	110.20	-0.70	3.86
Gilt & Fixed Int	65.82	69.66	+0.11	6.59
Higher Income	213.00	226.70	-1.00	4.74
Smaller Cos	78.54	83.56	-0.37	1.90
International	94.06	100.07	-0.69	1.84
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	101.90	108.90	-0.80	
European Dist	108.00	115.50	+0.30	...
Far East Dist	195.30	208.90	-1.30	
Global Care Dist	66.03	70.62	-0.05	1.75
Oseas Dist	£10.35	£11.07	-4.30	0.07
UK Dist	327.60	350.40	-2.30	2.39
UK Extra Inc Dist	73.72	78.84	+0.35	3.98
Wwide Dist	105.70	113.00	-0.20	0.09
Wwide Inc Dist	69.18	73.99	+0.29	2.12
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	62.80	66.28	+0.38	0.48
Fund of Funds Inc	57.59	60.78	+0.11	0.86
North America Inc	47.85	50.50	-0.13	0.51
UK Equity Grth Inc	56.92	60.07	-0.22	2.08
UK General Inc	55.53	58.61	-0.25	2.56
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.10	47.50	+0.17	7.39
UK Income Inc	55.41	58.48	+0.27	3.08
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000 Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	222.92	237.15	+0.71	3.55
Global	346.65	368.78	-0.96	0.71
General	184.22	196.04	+0.11	1.81
Bond	112.20	119.14	+0.64	6.26
Growth	120.22	127.90	+0.33	2.43
Intnl Grth	120.14	125.15		1.83
Bridge Fund	85.10	90.54	...	...
Distributor	87.55	93.14	+0.31	3.28
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	118.46	126.01	+0.50	2.05
UK Equity	131.42	139.81	+1.09	3.13
UK Equity Income	126.88	134.98	+1.28	3.36
UK Smaller Cos	116.08	123.49	-0.38	1.51
UK Equity Growth	122.48	130.30	+1.03	2.31
UK Index Trckg	131.72	140.13	+0.21	3.59
Intl Index Trckg	141.37	150.39	+0.23	1.08
International	232.90	247.77	+0.36	0.39
European	191.77	204.01	+1.02	0.30
Pan European	128.63	136.84	+0.79	1.39
Nth American	157.81	167.88	-0.73	0.55
N Amer Smlr Cos	177.59	188.93	-0.82	...
Japanese	100.85	107.29	-0.48	...
Pacific	247.75	263.56	-0.15	0.04
South East Asian	276.04	293.66	+0.29	0.27
Intl Bond	124.00	131.83	+0.08	4.84
Gilt & Convertible	99.41	105.67	+0.36	6.71
Property	85.95	91.44	+0.36	4.93
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	230.70	245.40	+1.00	2.43
Growth	149.50	157.30	+0.50	2.53
Income	230.60	245.30	+0.90	3.67
Intl Equity	246.80	262.60	+0.30	0.74
UK Income	63.22	67.25	+0.29	3.30
UK Intl 25	76.46	81.34	+0.23	1.84
New Europe	77.34	82.27	+0.24	0.07
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	604.92	646.98	+1.35	0.34
Income	325.23	347.85	+2.70	3.35
Wwide Recovery	383.30	409.95	+0.75	0.18
Amer Growth Inc	214.27	229.17	+1.18	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	249.31	266.65	-0.61	0.01
Far Esn Grth Inc	301.11	322.05	-0.27	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	138.80	148.45	+0.55	0.67
UK Growth Inc	82.74	88.50	+0.50	2.75
High Income	88.94	95.13	+0.62	4.12
Jap Gwth Inc	241.00	256.71	-0.94	0.01
PEP Growth	117.53	125.71	+0.54	0.58
Asian Slr Mkts Inc	134.87	144.25	+1.24	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	129.40	138.40	+1.24	0.01
Global Bond	52.78	55.50	+0.15	6.37
UK Smaller Cos Inc	78.20	83.64	-0.27	1.02
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ 091 201 3927				
American	100.57	106.99	-0.21	...
European	69.32	73.74	-0.12	...
Global	68.00	72.34	-0.17	...
Pacific	67.13	71.41	-0.40	...
UK Inc & Grth	63.22	67.26	-0.24	2.06
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	94.12	100.24	-0.08	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	158.37	166.70	...	0.64
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.55	61.00	...	2.42
Growth Income	61.45	65.13	+0.10	2.09
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	127.30	135.43	+0.84	1.73

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	90.35	96.12	-0.21	3.49
Conv & Gilt	111.80	118.90	+0.30	6.12
European Income	73.13	77.80	-0.58	2.82
Extra Income	145.10	154.30	+0.70	3.97
Far East	423.70	450.70	-2.10	0.25
Global Income	25.00	26.59		4.62
High Income	113.50	120.70	+0.40	3.53
International	210.40	223.90		0.52
Pref & Fxd Int	40.62	43.21	+0.05	7.54
Recovery	72.80	77.45	-1.25	3.47
Special Sits	102.70	109.30	-0.20	1.28
Technology	321.00	341.50	+1.70	
UK Blue Chip	65.60	69.78	-0.35	2.96
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	50.55	53.78	+0.38	2.22
International	88.71	94.37	+0.14	0.38
Gilt	23.87	24.81	+0.08	6.64
Income & Gwth	68.16	72.54	+0.48	5.51
European	50.92	54.17	+0.39	0.43
American	51.20	54.47	-0.16	
Emerging Mkts	92.28	98.17	-0.91	0.03
UK Smaller Cos	28.35	30.16	-0.19	2.33
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.19	25.73	+0.04	7.08
Global PEP	38.52	40.98	-0.02	1.30
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	263.80	284.10	+2.10	0.80
Japan Inc	113.50	121.10	+0.50	...
Nth American Inc	106.30	114.90	-0.30	0.12
Worldwide Inc	165.90	178.40	+0.30	0.75
Hong Kong Inc	149.30	160.30	+1.30	0.21
Swiss Equities Inc	66.01	71.62	-0.21	0.36
Wwide Bond Inc	58.29	61.64	-0.09	5.61
Emrging Asia Inc	235.50	257.50	-1.70	0.41
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.26	50.26	+0.01	4.93
Thailand Inc	174.10	187.40	-1.70	0.69
Gold Trust Inc	91.51	98.90	-1.30	0.15
New Zealand Inc	63.82	69.07	-0.44	1.22
Int Mngd PEP Inc	64.23	69.22	-0.11	1.71
Latin Am Cmp Inc	96.71	104.70	-1.50	0.70
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	55.72	59.61	-0.35	2.25
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	80.76	86.37	-0.22	1.48
Global Portfolio	73.44	78.55	-0.20	
Global Opps	75.13	80.25	-0.22	0.42
Marsh Global Grth	67.40	71.47	-0.23	1.92
AAM Global Equity	54.40	57.87	-0.26	0.75
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	84.31	90.73	-0.27	0.98
CAM Int Recvy Inc	45.27	47.53		1.04
Temple Equity Inc	44.09	46.17	-0.45	2.98
Hunley Growth	72.86	77.22	-0.10	0.59
Intl Growth Inc	55.44	59.39	-0.10	1.45
IPS Portfolio Inc	86.31	91.52	-0.22	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	46.30	47.71	-1.04	2.70
Premier Perfmt Inc	67.67	72.70	-0.17	0.94
Rusborgh Strat Gth	74.55	79.73	-0.14	0.34
Tech Analysts	97.51	103.30	+1.90	0.31
Rusebery Growth	52.67	58.11	-0.10	...
International Strat	79.93	85.49	-0.10	...
UTC Inc-Acc Grth	54.24	58.32	-0.17	...
Covercale Topout	52.59	56.91	-0.11	...
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40	...	...
Lowes Intl Growth	44.98	47.22	-0.55	1.24
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 7963				
Equity Gth	165.30	175.90	+0.40	1.65
European Gth	97.28	103.00	-0.20	0.17
Income & Gth	128.20	136.40	...	3.03
Japan Gth	126.50	136.00	-0.60	
Nth Amer Gth	113.00	120.20	+0.70	0.17
Overseas Gth	90.05	95.72	-0.02	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5140 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	35.95	38.44	+0.03	1.41
Cash Haven Inc	101.22	101.71		3.90
Cash Haven Acc	104.97	110.51	+0.01	3.90
Dist Trust Inc	92.60	99.03	+0.28	4.65
Dist Trust Acc	93.56	100.06	+0.27	4.65
Global Growth	86.05	92.03	+0.21	1.21
Equity Inc	78.91	84.39	-0.96	3.64
Equity	694.93	743.24	+3.64	2.31
European	205.21	219.47	-1.46	0.71
High Income	84.87	90.77	+0.32	5.21
Intl Grth	176.76	189.04	-0.21	1.02
Intl Sm Co	76.84	82.18	-0.21	0.31
Japanese	229.31	245.25	-0.88	...
Nth Amer	156.89	167.80	-0.25	1.75
Pacific Mkts	104.57	116.11	+0.18	0.28
Premier Inc	45.72	47.59	+0.13	5.15
Sm Cos	85.40	91.33	-0.26	1.70
Spec Sits	103.36	110.54	+0.28	2.23
UK Growth	114.60	122.56	+0.65	2.33
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	293.20	311.00	+1.50	3.30
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2565				
Managed	92.82	98.48	-1.21	2.17
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	492.40	524.30	-2.28	0.38
FA America (Acc)	575.67	612.96	-2.66	0.38
FA UK Equity Inc	152.26	162.52	+1.46	3.45
FA Japan	276.20	293.96	-1.24	...
FA Major UK Cos	90.57	96.54	+0.81	2.28
FA Smllr UK Cos	286.86	311.68	-1.13	1.14
FA European	313.92	332.89	-0.16	0.40
FA Amer Smllr Cos	42.66	45.90	-0.20	...
FA Asia	52.02	55.76	-0.07	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	57.42	61.51	-0.14	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	90.56	95.32	+0.80	
UK Smllr Cos	82.09	86.40	-0.31	...
UK Income	89.58	94.29	+0.86	
America	98.81	104.00	-0.41	...
Japanese	60.65	63.84	-0.27	
European	100.17	105.43	-0.06	
Gilt	82.00	86.31	+0.36	...
Deposit	81.82	86.12	+0.01	...
Managed	94.88	99.87	+0.54	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	88.25	92.89	+0.78	
UK Smaller Cos	80.27	84.49	-0.30	
UK Income	87.46	92.06	+0.85	...
America	96.25	101.31	-0.40	
Japanese	59.10	62.20	-0.27	
European	97.64	102.77	-0.05	
Gilt	81.15	85.41	+0.24	
Deposit	77.95	82.05	+0.01	
Managed	89.54	94.24	+0.50	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 6UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	73.01	78.02	-0.03	0.11
Pacific Basin	85.66	92.14	-0.48	...
High Inc Dist	121.00	129.40	+0.70	5.15
Ryl Life Int Crrny	56.54	60.13	+0.15	3.95
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	67.40	71.99	-0.02	0.027
Ryl Life Intl Spec	64.64	68.76	-0.11	...
UK Emerging Cos	125.20	135.30	-0.20	1.14
UK Index Trckg	157.20	167.40	-3.10	3.31
European	126.40	136.10	+0.40	0.28
Managed	142.70	153.40	+0.20	0.63
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	140.00	148.20	+0.10	0.20
European Growth	109.60	115.90	+0.10	0.92
Far East Growth	140.60	149.60	-0.70	0.11
Japan Growth	146.70	156.00	-1.10	...
Special Sits	190.70	202.80	-0.60	1.33
UK Growth	72.64	77.27	+0.12	2.32
Triton General	237.00	252.20	+0.20	0.52
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 158 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	185.70	193.10	+0.30	0.04
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	341.60	361.50	-2.20	0.55
Growth Inc	132.50	140.20	-1.00	0.37
International Inc	340.00	359.80	+2.10	0.20
Nth Am & Intl Inc	315.90	334.30	-0.90	0.24
UK Gen Prog Inc	216.50	229.10	+1.70	1.30
UK High Inc Inc	130.10	137.70	+1.00	3.97
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	63.83	67.90	+0.18	
Amer Smllr Cos	78.60	83.61	+0.05	
Asian Gwth	119.69	127.32	-0.40	0.75
European Gwth	68.28	72.64	+0.24	1.00
Global Bd	57.34	60.63	-0.08	5.00
Global Eq	66.29	70.52	+0.08	0.50
Japanese Eq	58.37	62.09	-0.31	...
Japan Sm Cos	69.48	73.91	-0.35	...
UK Gen	51.70	54.99	+0.48	2.80
UK Gwth	56.65	60.24	+0.47	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	65.46	69.64	-0.06	3.98
Amer Smllr Cos	107.00	113.80	-0.20	...
Asian Smaller Cos	51.08	54.34	-0.46	...
Capital Portfolio	122.20	130.00	...	2.22
Capital	158.70	166.80	+0.20	0.64
Cash	124.50	124.50	+0.10	4.47
China Dragon	66.62	70.87	+0.36	0.35
Commodity	143.80	153.00		0.47
Eastern Discovery	110.90	118.00	-0.90	...
Energy Inds	127.50	135.60	-0.30	0.37
European Gwth	184.10	195.80	+0.50	0.02
Euro Inc & Gwth	75.05	79.84	+0.23	2.04
Euro Smllr Cos	52.54	55.89	-0.16	...
Financial Secs	194.70	207.10	-0.50	0.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	46.36	48.93	...	9.14
Gold & Exploration	94.00	100.00	-0.56	0.22
High Return	217.90	231.80	+0.90	4.39
High Yield	217.80	231.70	+0.60	3.59
Income	114.10	121.40	-0.20	4.52
Intl Bond	156.20	165.00	-0.10	5.97
ITU	206.10	219.30	-0.30	1.05
Japan Growth	186.40	198.30	-1.20	...
Japan Smaller	214.20	227.90	-1.50	...
Korea	78.81	83.84	-1.48	...
Masterfund	56.24	59.83	-0.22	0.29
Scotbits	292.60	311.30	-0.50	0.99
Scotshares	275.50	293.10	+0.20	2.30
Scotyields	230.40	245.10	+0.50	3.85
Select Intl	144.70	153.90	-0.10	0.46
Smaller Cos Inc	250.20	266.20	-1.20	3.22
SE Asia	626.30	666.30	-2.90	...
Special Situation	117.20	124.70	-0.20	1.56
UK Equity	232.00	246.80	+0.80	3.02
UK Growth	60.31	64.16	+0.02	1.45
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	47.27	50.29	-0.24	0.70
US Growth	140.20	149.10	...	0.42
Univ Growth	142.50	151.60	-0.10	0.75
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3900				
Retail Funds				
American	238.38	253.82	-0.01	0.03
European Gwth	72.79	77.49	-0.32	0.66
Euro Smllr Cos	76.35	81.43	+0.04	0.20
Far Eastern Gth	105.04	112.04	-0.85	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	48.17	50.79	+0.17	7.49
Global Bond	48.07	49.68	+0.01	6.71
Global Emer Mkts	60.54	64.57	-0.37	...
Income	337.29	359.77	+3.40	3.77
Japan Smllr Cos	531.29	566.70	-3.32	...
Japan Enterprise	73.65	78.56	-0.53	...
Pacific Gwth	144.68	154.32	-2.16	0.00
Seoul	52.61	56.56	-0.51	...
Smaller Cos	208.05	221.92	-0.72	0.78
Tokyo	127.60	136.10	-0.81	...
UK Enterprise	239.74	255.72	+1.52	2.31
UK Equity	229.09	244.36	+1.91	2.64
US Smllr Cos	150.23	160.24	-0.40	...
World Fd	78.38	83.60	+0.31	1.77
Institutional Funds				
European	230.10	239.67	+2.14	1.34
Euro Smllr Cos	29.42	30.64	+0.07	1.55
Global Equity Inc	77.72	80.95	-0.04	0.85
Japan Smllr Cos	41.51	43.25	-0.38	...
Mngd Balanced	182.05	189.63	+0.66	2.80
Overseas Equity	191.07	199.03	-0.22	0.55
Oseas Smllr Cos	127.34	132.64	-0.50	0.35
Pacific	266.38	277.47	-3.09	0.97
Recovery	£10.26	£10.02	+4.23	2.79
UK Index	148.18	154.35	+0.41	3.37
UK Small Cos	113.89	118.63	-0.35	2.47
US Smllr Cos	43.21	45.01	+0.13	0.48

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	47.06	50.12	+0.13	2.49
Equity Trust	57.53	61.35	+0.14	2.47
Equity Strategy	65.94	70.23	+0.17	1.55
European Opps	85.11	90.64	+0.30	0.60
UK Smaller Cos	62.74	66.82	-0.31	1.20
Maximum Inc	96.40	100.56	+0.03	5.81
Japanese	83.76	89.26	-0.13	...
Asia Pacific	135.56	144.37	-0.12	0.67
American	96.55	102.82	-0.09	0.60
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.49	32.41		4.321
UK General Inc	49.07	52.34	-0.28	2.96
Intl Income	283.50	301.50	-3.40	1.01
European	77.41	82.01	-0.32	1.47
Japan	71.75	75.96	-3.30	0.06
American	63.06	66.93	-0.07	1.92
Far East	96.21	102.54	-0.22	0.76
Ethical Inc	29.38	31.42	-0.03	2.34
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.50	33.70	-0.22	3.06
High Inc Inc	34.96	37.19	+0.18	3.90
UK Global Inc	40.65	43.42	+0.16	1.62
Wwide Tact	75.60	81.09	-0.14	1.29
Europe 2000 Tact	52.54	55.78	-0.22	1.35
Technology	161.44	105.21	-0.27	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	363.30	388.60	-2.90	3.02
American	251.20	266.90	-1.00	0.48
Pacific	411.50	440.40	+0.30	0.42
European	535.60	572.80	+3.20	1.26
Worldwide	88.61	94.77	-0.06	0.81
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	262.00	279.80	+2.40	2.25
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	193.10	205.50	-0.70	1.58
Select Opprtny Inc	63.67	68.07	+0.37	2.31
Income Plus Inc	69.00	73.47	+0.78	3.79
European Inc	344.20	366.20	+2.90	1.06
Far Eastern Inc	185.00	196.90	-0.20	0.72
Japanese Inc	66.11	70.34	-0.14	...
Nth American Inc	233.40	248.40	-0.20	0.62
Intl Growth Inc	204.10	217.20	-0.40	0.73
Wwide Venture Inc	78.64	83.69	-0.30	0.72
SCOTTISH WIDOWS FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 5734				
Equity Inc	349.20	372.40	+0.80	3.00
UK High Inc	178.40	190.30	+2.20	4.00
Europe Inc	348.80	372.00	+0.40	0.46
Nth Amer Inc	212.40	226.50	-0.60	0.25
Global Inc	206.10	219.80	+0.30	0.39
UK Spec Sits Inc	95.89	102.30		3.07
South East Asia	245.50	261.90	+0.20	0.59
Cash Trust Inc	101.19	101.10	..	4.58
UK Smlr Cos Inc	102.70	109.50	-0.40	1.98
Intl Bond Inc	86.24	91.62	..	6.58
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	142.50	150.70	+0.20	4.43
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	120.40	127.30	+0.50	0.92
Nth American	96.55	101.60	-1.10	0.44
Intl Bond & Conv	121.10	127.50	-0.10	4.90
Pooled Pension Sh	180.00	193.50	-1.20	2.16
Smaller Cos	70.77	74.49	-0.14	1.32
UK General	122.90	129.40	+0.90	2.02
For Sheppards see Mayflower				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund	91.76	...	-0.60	...
Aztec	119.10	...	-0.70	...
European	121.70	...	+0.60	...
Global Bond	93.35	...	-0.18	7.6A
Samurai	91.37	...	-0.85	...
UK Growth	104.30	...	-0.20	.23
Tai Pan	109.50	...	-0.70	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	281.30	297.50	-1.30	0.33
Canadian	75.44	79.82	-1.00	0.29
Capital	122.40	131.50	-0.10	1.25
Cash	100.11	100.11	+0.01	4.83
European	132.40	140.00	+0.40	0.63
Far Eastern	176.30	186.50	-1.60	...
Growth	131.80	139.40	-0.30	1.05
Income	125.00	132.20	...	4.92
Magnum	131.00	140.40	...	1.26
Smlr Secs	370.10	391.60	-1.00	0.94
Thoroughbred	152.30	163.40	-0.10	1.15
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.22	50.73	+0.03	4.20
Charlie Prmnce	54.09	57.69	-0.18	7.90
Ethical	53.36	56.76	+0.04	3.00
European Growth	71.35	76.53	+0.53	2.50
Income	53.55	57.12	+0.34	6.00
Intl Growth	97.89	104.40	-0.30	2.70
Managed	80.12	85.49	+0.37	3.50
UK Growth	59.09	63.02	+0.33	3.60
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS PO Box 141 1 Tanfield Edinburgh EH3 5RG 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	37.52	39.78	...	1.63
Global Advtg Acc	40.01	42.42	...	1.63
Income Advtg Inc	30.08	31.89	...	3.94
Income Advtg Acc	32.87	34.85	...	3.94
UK Equity Gth Acc	63.80	67.63	-0.30	1.59
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	48.94	52.00	...	1.44
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	35.57	37.80	+0.10	3.90
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	43.13	45.83	+0.10	3.90
UK Equity Gen Acc	58.90	62.59	+0.10	2.31
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.09	46.85	+0.10	2.31
UK Lrgr Co Acc	...	...	...	...
UK Lrgr Co Inc	...	...	...	...
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.37	31.06	-0.10	6.59
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	311.30	338.00	-0.70	1.54
Nth American Acc	43.18	45.88	+0.10	0.83
Far East Acc	72.08	76.59	-0.70	
European Acc	50.75	53.93	+0.20	0.79
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000				
Global A (V25)	3.844	4.062	-0.021	0.48
US Eqs (US$)	2.399	2.547	-0.017	0.54
Far East Eqs (yen)	247.60	263.00	-3.30	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	260.80	277.00	-2.70	...
FT Europe	122.20	129.80	-0.006	1.53
FT N Amer (US$)	1.760	1.866	-0.006	0.77
FT Japan (yen)	235.30	250.00	-1.70	...
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.647	2.812	-0.048	0.65
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	345.50	364.20	-2.30	0.06
British	981.40	£10.38	+2.00	3.57
Emrging Mkts	176.80	188.30	-1.70	...
European	537.30	572.20	-0.60	0.91
Japan	163.30	173.20	-0.90	...
New Pacific	410.70	438.00	-5.00	0.67
Investment Tst	227.40	241.00	+1.00	1.34
Mngd Equity	169.70	179.50	-0.10	1.42
Mngd Cash	96.41	96.41	+0.01	4.36
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 309				
Equity	783.50	838.00	+5.10	3.59
North America	120.60	129.00	-0.10	0.84
Far East	160.10	171.20	-0.80	...
Wwide Bond	55.26	58.66	-0.07	5.42
European	103.20	110.40	-0.70	0.14
Equity Income	87.80	93.90	+0.50	5.22
Portfolio	84.16	90.01	+0.25	1.32
UK Leading Cos	57.03	60.67	+0.45	4.21
Broker Trusts				
Imnl Equity	69.22	74.03	-0.31	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	34.14	36.52	-0.09	0.38
Managed Assets	123.91	132.53	-0.70	2.44
UK Income	38.97	41.68	+0.27	2.82
UK Growth	38.08	40.73	+0.28	2.08
Worldwide Growth	35.63	38.11	+0.02	0.42
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101 Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Discretionary	50.25	53.46	-0.14	0.15
Cap Protector Inc	41.44	44.32	+0.16	2.92
UK Income Inc	49.56	53.01	+0.41	3.40
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.08	34.31	+0.12	3.86
Mngd High Yld Inc	77.43	82.81	+0.54	4.31
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	72.67	77.72	+0.53	3.28
Mngd Wwide Gth	...	...	...	...
UK Smaller Cos	34.32	36.71	+0.03	1.38
Pacific Grth Port	50.02	53.50	-0.04	...
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	200.43	213.23	+0.15	...
Brit Growth	90.83	96.63	-0.66	2.10
European	109.84	116.85	+0.26	...
Extra Income	189.56	201.66	-1.15	4.21
Smaller Cos	70.67	75.18	-0.36	1.40
General	269.78	287.00	+1.58	2.40
Premier Income	48.62	50.65	+0.16	6.44
Income	333.36	354.64	+1.62	3.74
Pacific	458.32	487.57	-2.26	...
International	547.41	582.35	-0.22	0.06
Natl Resources	181.53	193.11	+0.30	...
Sictd Opps	102.65	109.21	+0.19	1.32
Environmental Inv	61.16	65.08	+0.16	2.35
Selector	62.67	66.67	+0.16	2.20
High Income	63.00	67.02	+0.36	4.60
Intl Income	55.64	59.20	+0.20	5.05
Selector Income	59.94	63.76	+0.28	4.85
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 667 1818				
British	313.10	329.50	+1.80	2.72
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	202.47	216.55	+0.89	1.45
Glob Balncd Inc	173.19	185.23	+0.82	2.82
Value Tst Inc	119.44	127.74	+0.54	1.40
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3081				
Amer Smllr Cos	59.96	63.95	-0.23	...
Dresdner Eur Bd	38.95	40.92	-0.29	6.30
European Growth	270.11	286.78	+1.66	0.90
Exempt	504.70	528.19	-3.33	3.60
Global Em Mkts	116.50	124.26	-0.07	0.60
Iberian Growth	...	...	...	...
Japan Tst	86.93	92.54	-0.22	...
Little Dragons	98.77	105.35	-0.04	...
Nth Amer Gwth	217.32	231.49	-0.16	0.70
Oriental Income	48.26	51.47	-0.09	4.60
Preference	117.24	125.39	-0.10	8.70
Tiger	308.54	325.98	-0.28	...
UK Blue Chip	59.79	63.81	+0.51	3.10
UK Growth	488.74	522.71	-0.34	2.30
UK High Yield	101.35	108.39	-0.25	3.50
UK Mid-Cap	250.35	267.75	+0.69	2.00
UK Smllr Cos	101.85	108.92	-0.29	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	96.83	103.55	-0.18	4.70
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	32.26	34.31	+0.44	...
Pacific Basin	42.12	44.80	+0.28	...
Can Balncd Gwth	26.75	28.45	+0.03	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.87	0.912	+0.00	5.97
Penny Share	31.47	33.47	-0.05	0.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 0462				
Challenger	89.45	91.52	-0.01	...
Short Dtd Gilt	107.00	108.40	+0.10	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	-0.00	0.84
Gilt Income	47.19	49.63	...	7.50
Gilt Growth	66.00	68.70	-0.03	...
City Reserve	52.96	52.97	+0.01	4.40
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	76.21	81.07	-0.55	1.95

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

Shares enjoy technical rally

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	381	Abbey Ntl	388↑	+3		5.0	13.0
314	233	Allied Irish	242	-4		5.2	9.3
275½	179½	Aus New Z	185	+3		5.1	29.2
3300	2657	Bankamerica	2957½	...	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	273			4.8	7.9
247	172½	Bank Scotland	203	+2		3.1	16.0
640	487	Barclays	567↑	+7		3.7	10.9
37	13½	Carlisle	25½			1.2	...
630½	449	Cater Allen	518	+2		0.8	10.7
180	130	Canles	135↑	-7	...	5.0	14.7
3025½	1543½	Chase Manh	2225	+6			
2912½	2262	Citicorp	2662½	-25			
285½	209	Close Bros	221	+3		4.3	∞
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£127	+10⅝		0.5	...
£344½	£270	Deutsche Bk	£294½	+3		2.4	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	73			2.6	
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1347½	+2		0.3	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	440	-1	22.0	5.7	13.9
1113	660	HSBC	706↑	+10		4.3	10.2
1133	669	HSBC HK	727↑	+9		4.2	10.5
475	356	Hambros	369	-1		7.0	11.0
443	400	Joseph (L)	418			5.2	12.2
170	128	King Shaxson	128			8.8	12.7
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	466↑	-1		5.2	8.2
640	510	Lloyds	554↑	+12		5.2	10.9
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	117			3.9	17.9
620½	479	Nat Aust Bk	495	+1		5.7	10.3
622	421	Nat West	482↑	+8		5.0	9.0
573	415	President	505↑			4.4	16.1
79	53	Rea Bros	65↑			1.8	15.2
529	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	419	-3		3.6	13.9
1574	1050	Schroders	1395↑	-5		1.7	12.9
359½	223	Stand Chart	254↑	+5		3.1	8.7
291	197	TSB	216↑	+5		4.7	10.9
199	108	Union	110↑			5.1	10.2
1012	676	Warburg SG	700½	+1½		3.9	8.5
£105	8612	Wells Fargo	9401	-100		2.9	
260	194	Westpac	215			2.5	∞
290	276	Wintrust	278↑			4.0	18.6

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	540	Allied Domecq	576	+4		4.6	14.1
619	465	Bass	526	+12		5.0	13.8
366	250	Boddington	260↑			4.0	17.9
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	420			3.2	24.3
196	168	Burtonwood Brw	192			3.3	16.0
191	142	Eldridge P 'A'	157			2.9	21.5
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	54	-1		5.2	∞
493	396	Fuller Sm 'A'	396			2.5	16.9
506	375	Grand Met	407↑	+5		4.1	17.7
511	396	Greenalls Grp	424	+2		3.7	16.2
584	452	Greene King	515	+1		3.1	14.3
542	425	Guinness	455	+3		3.6	14.9
265	230	Hardy Hansn	263			4.2	13.5
170	135	Heavitree	130			3.0	15.3
457	353	Highland Distl	434	+1		1.9	20.6
3775	3125	Hull J	3675			1.7	20.6
213	127	Macallan-Glen	213↑			0.7	58.9
695	365	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	695			1.7	26.6
249	195	Mansfield	222			2.5	13.6
314	256	Marston Thmp	298			2.5	15.4
646	544	Matthew Clark	626↑			3.5	14.2
280	117	Merrydown W	115↑			3.7	
545	465	Morland	488			2.6	16.7
11½	9	Paramount	9½			3.0	∞
267	209	Regent Inns	263	+21		2.6	∞
1521½	1010	SA Breweries	1197½			2.3	19.4
541	487	Scot & New	495	+2		4.3	14.7
190	142	Taunton Cider	156	+2		5.3	11.9
300	229	Vaux Group	247	-1		4.9	15.9
403½	324	Wetherspoon JD	400	+1		1.3	26.4
617	494	Whitbread	537	+3		4.4	15.6
590	493	Wolvrmptn D	554			2.9	15.0
181	148	Yates Bros	167	-1		2.2	20.6
575	493	Young 'A'	500			3.9	19.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
203	125	Abbey	145↑			4.5	10.6
27	12	Albrighton	17↑			3.7	16.3
200	146	Allen	165	-4		4.0	19.5
164	99	Amec	112	+3		3.4	64.3
454	353	Ashtead	450↑			1.6	27.2
116	107	Attwoods	119			5.4	
363	274	BPB Ind	364	+8		3.3	30.5
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	124	+1		3.2	23.4
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	25↑	+1		2.5	21.4
99	19	Barcom	20				
60	38½	Bardon	40↑	-1		6.2	
292	173	Barratt Devs	176	-3		4.4	∞
169	122½	Beazer Homes	131	+3		2.3	∞
304	196	Bellway	199	-3		5.9	18.7
54	42	Bellwinch	42				
244	125	Berisford Intl	197				
573	353	Berkeley Gp	393	+1		2.2	16.3
215	116	Ben Bros	154			1.6	9.2
95	60	Blockleys	71			1.8	
591	382	Blue Circle	297↑	+3		4.9	21.4
353	270	Boot (Henry)	270			3.0	13.7
54	25	Brandon Hire	21↑			2.4	∞
117		Breedon PLC	95	+2		6.2	28.7
154	130	Br Dredging	139			5.1	16.4
60	35	Brit Fittings	45			5.0	
197	126	Bryant	129½	+3		4.8	14.6
145½	111	CALA	115↑			3.0	∞
459	321	CRH	358↑			2.7	19.2
70	31	Castlebrand Rly	45				
42	29	Costain	32				
155	125	Countryside	129	+4		4.0	25.6
120	95	Crest Nicholson	99↑	-1		2.2	16.5
140	100	Cussins	112↑			3.5	13.5
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	21			1.8	
350	273	Epwin	317↑	-6		3.1	18.4
92	77	Erith	73	-2		3.4	40.7
473	328	Eve Group	328			4.2	∞
100	30	Galliford	34			3.7	
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	93↑			3.1	
1029	845	Gleeson (MJ)	843			1.9	14.7
275	166	Graham Grp	174	+1		3.7	16.5
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	147			2.5	21.7
62	42	Hewetson	71	-1			
117	51	Heywd Wm	75↑	+4		5.4	17.9
144	50	Higgs & Hill	58			2.5	
45	27	Hew Gp	35			2.6	
34	20	Howard Hldgs	26↑			3.4	24.3
160	67	Ibstock	76↑			1.6	
25	6	Jarvis	9½				
176	104	Keller	116↑			4.1	13.4
425	229	Laing (J)	230↑	-3		4.9	20.7
164	95	Laing 6½% Cv Pf	95↑	-3		9.4	
145	115	Lon Clydeside	125			4.5	17.3
20		Lovell (YJ)	20	-2			
405	259	Manders	350↑			3.4	16.0
217	132	Marley	133↑	-1		3.9	16.0
157	126	Marshalls	135↑	-1		3.9	16.9
293	186	Maunders (J)	221			2.9	23.7
321	164	McAlpine (A)	235↑	-1		4.2	20.1
27½	20	McCarthy & S	21			1.0	
360	272	Meyer Intl	374	-2		3.6	15.4
195½	94	Mowlem (J)	102	-1		2.5	
302½	66	NSM	104½				12.0
190	136	Newman Tnks	139↑	-1		5.0	20.1
329	229	Persimmon	230↑	-1		5.0	17.2
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13				
1400	1450	Prechins	1591		39.0	2.4	22.0
196	129	Prowting	129			3.3	20.6
1074	905	RMC Gp	941	+11		2.9	19.3
116	65	Raine Ind	65	-1		3.8	14.1
40	21	Ramus	21				
540	400	Redland	522	-12		6.0	27.4
106	70	Rosaf	103		4.3	5.3	
195	119	Rugby Group	122↑	-2		3.5	15.4
61	53	Secure Sene	53				
67	30	Sevfid-Rve	64↑		0.7	1.5	30.1
300	155	Sharpe & Fisher	176	-1		3.2	12.8
289	232	Sheffield Insl	254↑	-1		2.2	20.7
365	253	Sheriff Hldgs	364	-1		1.5	24.2
158	94	Shoreo	155↑			4.4	14.5
215	193	Smart (J)	210			4.6	19.6
	1½	Starmin	1½				
206	132	Tarmac	133			5.3	
187	154	Tay Homes	157			4.8	16.9
157	121	Taylor Woodrw	124↑			1.8	30.3
760	549	Tilbury Dougls	563			7.5	58.0
80	36	Torey Hire	50↑			2.0	29.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	283↑	-1		3.7	22.9
29½	15	Trencherwood	15				
49	22	Try Group	24↑			2.6	
35	21	Tudor	25			1.4	...
113	90	Vibroplant	108↑			4.2	28.5
170	127	Walnhomes	129	-1		4.1	13.9
74	50	Ward Hldgs	57↑	-1		1.1	...
63	37	Waterhouse	56				
345	150	Watts Blake	342			2.8	23.3
225	151	Westbury	152	-3		4.3	16.9
	1½	Wiggins	5½	+1½			
571	349	Wilson Bowdn	349	-2		3.4	15.4
230	182	Wilson (C)	192↑	-1		2.9	15.1
249	136	Wimpey G	141↑	+4		4.7	21.1
30	16	YRM	20	+1			

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	708	+15			
478	253	Adam & Harvey	479			3.9	6.6
93	58	Air London	64			6.9	14.0
62	34	African Lakes	57			1.1	...
143	92	Auto Sec	94				13.2
162	101	BET Ord	109	+1½		3.9	17.6
195	115	BVD Res	197			3.3	21.8
259	175	BPP	214↑	-1		5.2	15.3
196	141	BSM	141↑	-1		5.1	12.0
235	193	Barbour Index	193↑			5.5	∞
	1	Black & Edy	1				
225	159	Brit Data Mgt	175			3.0	∞
31	22	Broadcastle	26			4.8	12.4
70	58	Brooks Service	62			2.8	
117	77	CRT Gp	95			4.4	22.8
257	158	Capita Group	163↑			2.1	30.9
61	31	Caslet Plc	31½			4.4	10.7
26½	7	Chiltern Capital	24				
45	35	Chrisue	55				
425	292	Chubb Sec	403			2.6	18.6
95	41	Corp Services	40			0.5	22.6
97	48	Coutts Crellie	49			1.1	
170	140	Dan	147			3.1	15.7
255	212	Davis Service	253↑	-1		4.4	15.7
154	102	EW Fact	102	-1		6.1	7.5
34	15	Gardiner	19↑	-1		4.9	
354	261	Hays	282	+5		2.8	18.9
299	230	Hose Robinsn	228			7.4	16.0
9	8	Holmes Protectn	25				
260	240	Hutch Whamp	308½				1.5
2600	1728	ISS B DKr	1742½			1.5	22.1
609	395	Inchcape	440	+15		6.0	1.9
360	176	JBA Hldgs	140			4.3	13.8
414	254	Johnson Clean	254			5.3	10.3
6	4	Lep	5½				
194	141½	Mitle Gp	196↑			1.5	22.0
1700	1150	Manpower	1509½			0.7	
115	86	Michael Page	111↑			2.6	27.3
147	90	Partn	135↑	-1		2.7	35.3
115	86	Pettna	96			3.6	
84½	60½	Proudfoot	71↑	-1		6.2	17.6
415	291	RCO	301	+10		4.3	13.8
125	92	REA	128	+5		5.9	48.8
177	104	Reed Executive	172↑	-1	1.0		
155	105	Reliance Sec	136↑			4.3	∞
276	199	Rentokil	236↑	-3		1.7	23.3
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	190			2.6	29.0
392	243	Salvesen (C)	267	-2		3.9	13.0
68	43	Scott Pickford	61			1.9	∞
27	9	Select App	13½				
357	255	Seton Gp	300↑			1.5	27.3
130	75	Sherwd Cmp	105	-3		2.1	
130	97	Stutchlies	97			4.1	15.2
335	325	Warner Howrd	328			2.4	15.0
30½	20	Wilk Gp	21½			2.0	

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
159½	115½	Allied Colloids	123½	-1		3.4	19.8
1141	910	Amersham	975	-1	...	2.0	20.4
3½	1½	Amplo Ltd	2				
£140½	£106½	BASF DM	£128	+9½		7.5	
351	267	BTP	289	+8		4.2	14.0
£150½	£120½	Bayer DM50	£140½	-9½		4.2	
171	97	Blagden	120			1.6	56.1
131	96	Brent Chems	118			4.3	
544	311½	Brit Biotech	552	-11			
15	5½	Cuml Gp	6½				17.4
199	153	Canning (W)	191			4.8	13.3
540	450	Courtaulds	454	-2		4.1	36.0
380	337	Croda	362↑			3.0	15.5
133	95	Doeflex	116			5.0	13.1
293	225	Ellis & Everard	262↑	+1		3.6	19.4
58	35½	Euro Colour	57			2.5	20.3
39½	33½	Halstead (J)	35½	-2		5.5	∞
323	160	Hickson	171↑	-1		5.8	15.3
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£179½	-9½		5.3	
250	155½	Holliday Chem	225↑	-2		2.4	18.4
966	725	ICI	835½	+10½		4.1	67.5
847	703	Laporte	723	-7		3.7	19.4
234	190	Leigh	212↑			4.6	19.4
95	46	MTM	87↑	+1		0.7	
2990½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2290½	+37½		1.4	∞
625	461	Paterson Zch	494			3.2	31.0
595	416	Paterson Zch 'A'	473			3.4	12.5
250	187	Physa	187	-2		3.7	26.7
349	265	Porvair	295↑			1.9	22.1
66	31	Sutcliffe Speak	31↑	...	...	2.0	18.4
490	361	Wardle Storeys	410			5.3	21.5
823	570	Wisnaline R	768↑			3.1	16.0
483	390	Yorks Chem	419↑			2.5	18.1
336	258	Yule Catto	267	-5		2.9	21.6
890	672	Zeneca	800↑	-2		4.3	16.1

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
349	307	Alders	325			3.4	16.8
410	317	Argos Plc	318			3.3	16.6
102	54	Ashley (Laura)	75	+3		0.2	...
197	173	Asprey	173	...	...	4.4	6.6
231	176	Austin Reed	242			2.8	13.5
166	130	Beattie (J) 'A'	140↑			5.5	18.3
150	110	Bentalls	129↑	-1		1.9	44.7
165	42	Betterware	42	-3		7.7	4.5
48	36	Blacks Lels	40↑			7.0	
264	109	Body Shop	218			1.1	20.5
601	504	Boots	534	+4		3.5	21.1
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½				
263	210	Brown (N)	263			1.9	25.3
73½	51	Burton	58			4.3	
245	190	Cantors	190			2.7	∞
520	388	Church	501↑			3.2	28.7
171	96	Clinton Cards	102			5.8	8.8
287	194	Coats Viyella	200	+3		5.2	17.1
170	101	Ctry Casuals	101	-1		5.3	10.3
903	733	Courts Furnish	733↑	-5		1.0	37.3
210	155	Crown Eye	180↑			0.6	7.8
137	83½	Dan's Farm Intl	89½	+1		4.0	12.5
143	97½	Dewhirst (I)	131½			1.6	23.9
287	170	Dixons Grp	188↑	-1		4.4	20.0
11	7½	ERA Gp	8½				
11	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½			2.8	
590	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580			3.8	∞
284	189	Essex Furn	189	-1		2.5	30.2
336	217	Etam	314			3.0	22.3
558	404	Fine Art Dev	500	-2	14.3	3.6	15.5
58	46	Fired Earth	58				
728	680	Formminster	729↑			2.7	∞
278	124	French Conn	255				14.4
78	48	Gent SR	75↑			3.8	∞
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	125			1.1	22.4
653	524	GUS	567	-8		2.9	16.4
196	164	Hamleys	180			3.3	17.2
31	21	Hampden Grp	25			5.0	
70½	13½	Hartstone	17			2.4	
91	64	Honeysuckle	73			4.3	10.7
252	176	Hse of Fraser	205	-4		3.0	18.5
211	171	Jacques Vert	189↑			3.0	16.7
779	477	Kingfisher	480↑	-2		3.8	12.0
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67↑			2.5	14.1
435	290	Liberty	350↑			1.7	
390	277	Lloyds Chem	304	-1		3.3	10.4
184	132½	MFI	132½	-2		3.8	16.0
400½	380	Marks Spencer	408	+4		2.9	19.0
663	554	Menzies (John)	555↑	-4		2.7	13.6
343	235	Moss Bros	327			2.7	15.9
275	214	Next	247	+4		3.5	15.0
91	30	Oliver (G)	91				28.1
338	255	Oriflame Intl	280↑			4.6	12.7
27	14½	Pentos	14½				
288	169	QS Hldgs	173			3.8	20.4
62	25	Rhino Grp	29			2.2	27.6
309	144	Ranelys	148↑			4.0	17.3
190	111	Sherwood Gp	111	-1		3.3	11.0
172	104	Sears	104	-2		4.5	17.5
46	27½	Signet Group	29½	-3½			14.3
540	440	Smith WH	450↑	-4		4.3	23.2
21	10	Specialeyes	10	-1			
252	192	Storehouse	197	-2		3.5	17.5
195	146	T & S Stores	151			4.3	13.3
173	124	Tie Rack	129	-1		1.7	15.3
265	217	Time Products	233	+1		4.6	15.0
132	115	Usher (Frank)	119↑	+2		7.4	9.0
530	504	Vendome	504	-1		1.4	35.5
44	34	Vivat	40			3.9	10.4
70	34	WEW Group	36			2.1	26.5
105	42	Wettsum	107	+1		3.5	35.8
129	60	Wickes	89½	-2		1.8	20.0
95	54	Wld of Leather	54↑			1.1	
195	138	Wyevale	143↑	+2		3.9	15.4

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	102	ACT Group	102			6.4	9.5
296	225	Acal	279			3.0	17.5
650	475	Admiral	645↑			1.3	19.8
195	163	Alba	191↑			3.3	15.8
46	34	Alphameric	42	-1			32.0
50	26	Amstrad	27	+½		2.3	
110	77	App Holo	101				
39	24	Arlen	33	-1			
94	76	Antec	84½			1.5	20.9
281	166	Adan	168	-5		2.2	13.6
282	224	Bestec Hunter	265↑			4.8	∞
479	359	BICC	360	-3		6.7	22.7
535	411	Bick	427	-17		3.0	17.1
1100	677	Borland	750				
390	295	Bowthorpe	302	+2		2.9	17.2
496	353	BT	371	+1		5.6	12.9
367	230	BT pp	250	+1		5.6	12.0
70	55	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½			1.7	13.3
70	55	Burnfield	71↑			3.1	31.5
542	392	Cable Wireless	406	+10		2.5	17.3
35½	24	Chloride	25½				79.0
283	263	CML Micro	268			2.8	17.1
305	102	Comptr People	109↑	+1		1.6	45.3
202	154	Crav Elect	175			1.6	∞
467	412	Critchley	447			2.5	20.0
580	459	Delta	464↑			3.0	19.9
693	446	Denmans El	603			1.4	16.8
580	400	Domino	524			2.0	22.5
76	60	Dowding Mills	64↑			5.0	∞
1635	1220	Druck	1500↑			0.9	27.9
590	415	Electrocompnts	436	-3		2.6	20.0
199½	125	El Data Pro	142			1.6	13.2
175	135	Electron House	153↑			2.6	15.8
38½	21	Emess	33			0.4	
451	345	Eurotherm	373↑			1.7	22.1
212	103½	FKI	104↑			2.7	19.5
650	505½	Farnell Elect	514	+2		1.8	21.1
340	256	First Tech	327↑	-4		1.3	19.2
283	200	Forward Gp	207			3.0	12.4
58	14½	Forward Tech	35			0.6	
333½	269½	GEC	293↑	+2		4.6	14.7
191	119	Graseby	150↑			5.0	14.1
14½	10	Grasslone	13½			2.2	∞
192	126	Ind Control	137			4.7	∞
368	285	Jones Stroud	345↑			3.2	16.6
145	99	Kalamazoo	132			3.1	14.9
16	9	Kembrey	16			1.2	
346	335	Kenwood App	374			3.0	17.9
298	221	Kewill Sys	263↑			3.4	∞
165	78	Kode	98			10.2	
35	19	Laser-Scan	22				
143½	65	LBMS	101				
355	255	Lec Refrig	395			3.2	
171	107	Life Sciences	155↑	-3		3.9	13.2
721	260	Logica	310↑	-3		2.0	∞
52	45	LPA Ind	46			4.3	
219	123	MS Data Mngt	135	+6		5.3	∞
723	436	Macro 4	476↑	-17		5.7	12.2
281	210	Mensler-Sw	265↑	+6		2.0	20.6
1320	795	Micro Focus	923				10.0
176	126	Microgen	126			7.2	12.6
45	31	Microvitec	38				
549½	432	Misys	434↑			2.3	∞
494	195	Mitel	222				
158	143	MITT Comp	178			3.0	18.2
330	250	MTL Inst	319			1.6	20.6
148	114	Murray Ent	121↓			2.1	
2740½	2294½	NYNEX	2400½	+125			
128	73	Neotronics	73			4.5	15.8
60	48	Newmark (L)	48				
438	279	Norbain	425↓			0.7	20.4
100	47	Northamber	92↑			1.1	39.1
9½	4½	Oceonics	4½				
31	24	Orbis	26		0.5	2.5	∞
359	277	Oxford Inst	323↑			1.9	19.0
94	60	P & P	69↓			3.9	17.1
98	74½	Peek	91			5.3	20.1
235	173	Pegasus	173↑			3.6	17.4
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£115				
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	1984½	+12½		0.9	9.0
140	236	Phonelink	255				
359	293	Pifco	357↑			1.6	24.5
344	293	Pifco 'A' Vtg	340↑			1.7	23.3
140	70	Plasmec	120↑			3.6	
130	100	Pressac	115	-1		2.8	23.5
303	181	Psion	276↑	-1		1.3	19.3
291	187	Racal Elect	238	-1		2.2	19.6
50	33	Radamec	44			4.8	13.3
48	27	Radius	44↑			1.0	
169	73	Real Time	156↑	+1		3.2	∞
311	229	Roxboro	244↑	-3		2.3	17.8
615	507	Sage Gp	613			2.1	16.5
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	88			4.0	
80	19	Scantronic	27	+4		3.9	∞
256	162	Scholes Grp	253			0.8	∞
432	310	Sema Gp	430↑	-1		1.0	25.8
270	245	Servomex	267			3.1	29.7
49	36	Silvermines	37↑			2.7	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks	68			4.4	15.4
3225	2265½	TDK	2753½	-21½		1.2	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	13½				
170	80	Tekmetrix	85	-4		1.5	10.9
308	191	Telspec	291↑			1.1	35.2
1165	969	Thorn EMI	1007↑	+9		4.2	20.5
230	133	Thorpe FW	225			1.8	∞
43	32	Total Systems	31				32.2
303	215	Tunstall	249			1.8	17.8
363	256	Unitech	349↑	+1		2.3	27.3
16	8½	Verity	9				
31	21½	Vistec	24			2.1	13.1
212	157½	Vodafone	196			1.8	25.6
483	395	Volex	420↑			5.4	18.4
200	60	Wakebourne	91				
31	20	Western Selectn	26		0.2	1.2	
335	260	Wholesale Ftgs	263↑		11.7	5.6	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	726↑	+3		3.9	57.3
800	560	Eastern Elect	752↑	+6		3.8	16.5
477	322	Hydro-Elect	372↑	-1		4.2	11.8
753	534	London Elect	691	+2		4.1	10.0
871	635	Manweb	800	+3		3.8	9.6
940	547	Midlands Elec	756↑	-3		3.8	11.6
520	404½	National Powr	454	+8		3.4	11.3
858	589	Northern Elec	763↑	+7		4.1	9.6
421	329	Nthn Ireland	383↑	+3½		3.7	10.4
850	587	Norweb	781↑	-2		3.7	10.3
602	449	PowerGen	514	+3		3.1	11.3
486	337½	Scottish Power	380↑	-1		4.1	12.0
453	299	Seeboard	417			3.5	11.0
840	591	Sth Wales	795	+3		4.0	10.8
924	551	Sth Western	749↑			3.9	9.9
837	540	Southern Elec	730↑	+5		3.9	11.2
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	723↑	-1		4.1	14.1

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51#			2.5	
166	99	BWD	92↑	+1		5.7	7.5
119	96	Baltic Plc	118	+1		2.1	13.0
215	163	Blotec Inv	166	+1			
757	623	Caledonia	695			2.9	17.2
2681	1900	Camellia	3690			1.5	7.1
363	310	Candover	330↑	+1		4.2	
212	191	Exco	192			5.5	10.4
465	367	Goven	382	-1		4.8	6.3
250	185	Ivory Sime	227			4.1	17.7
428	150	Johnson Fry	159	+4	1.5	1.2	
245	143	Lon Forfaitng	166↑	...	...	7.0	10.4
57	44	Manakin	50				
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	16				0.3
58	53	Newmarket	56				
365	247	Rathbone Bro	272↑			3.9	13.5
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26½			4.2	13.4
369	281½	S & U	335	-1		4.1	10.8
174	82	Singer & Fried	82↓			4.8	10.6
1260	788	Sotheby's	795↑			3.5	34.3
198	126	SJP Capital	126	-3		3.0	7.8
224	159	Towry Law	159	-1½		3.8	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2037½	1628½	Amer Express	1950↓	+12½			
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	134↑	+10		5.4	8.9
229	157	Gartmore	167↑			3.0	19.3
1208	845	Henderson Ad	910	+2		6.0	14.5
251½	152	Invesco	164↑	+1		2.9	26.9
317	214½	Jardine Strat	258½	+4½		3.1	10.9
323	237	MAI	237↑	-1½		4.1	∞
117½	93½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	93½	-1			
770	538	MAM	615	-1		4.6	14.3
1243	704	M & G	958	+1		3.7	19.6
496	342	Smith New Ct	387	-13		3.2	3.3
65	25	Trio Hldgs	30			6.2	13.6

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	509↓	+1		3.7	10.0
68	50½	ASDA Group	62½	+½		3.5	14.3
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	289			3.7	11.5
74	44	Albert Fisher	47			10.0	10.4
315	222½	Argyll	269	+3		5.3	11.8
270	230	Banks (S C)	255↑			4.8	9.8
373	305	Barr (AG)	373	+1		2.3	24.0
72	42	Bensons Crsp	44			6.1	
481	378	Booker	417	+9		6.7	15.1
59½	48	Borthwick	51½			3.2	22.0
505	416	Brake Bros	417	+1		2.1	15.4
43	24	Budgen	26↑			4.8	16.5
199	156	CPL Aromas	189			2.0	18.0
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	455↑	-1		4.2	15.1
232	145	Carrs Milling	186			3.0	∞
167	130	Cranswick	164			6.3	13.7
17	11½	Cullens	15				
154	90	Dalepak	118↑			1.6	∞
543	380	Dalgety	443			6.2	11.4
57	50	Daniels S	54			0.7	
294	216	Devro	216↑	-3		3.6	14.6
101	58	Everest	58			5.5	∞
394	348	Farepak	348↑			2.4	19.8
9	6	Farringford	6				
85	68	Finlay (James)	77			6.9	14.0
108	87	Fyffes	101			1.7	17.3
371	189	Geest	194			5.3	
20½	14	Global	14	-1		4.5	12.6
68	38	Grand Central	48				
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	124↑	+4		6.8	7.5
190½	151	Hillsdown	176			6.3	12.4
28	16	Hobson	23½				
211	133	Iceland Group	148↑			3.3	9.2
111	93	JLI Group	100			6.0	14.1
656	523	Kwik Save	558	-2		4.2	9.7
376	138	Low (Wm)	364			2.9	12.1
127	95	Matthews (B)	121↑			2.8	14.5
18	10½	Merchant Retail	12			2.1	
149	90	Morrison (W)	134	+3		1.0	15.6
246	205	Nichols (JN)	243↑			3.0	15.6
271½	194	Nthn Foods	197			5.6	9.6
14	9	Nthmbrn Fn	13				
232	177	Nurdin Peack	186↑			4.4	10.3
146	89½	Park Foods	120↑			2.5	24.3
81	62	Perkins Food	76↑	+1		7.3	12.8
141	109	PizzaExpress	121			2.1	∞
5½	2½	Regina Hlth	2½				
490	342	Sainsbury J	399	+5		3.3	14.1
96	73	Senrty Farm	81			3.5	8.2
122	71	Sims Food	91↑	+1		10.3	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	433	+8		3.8	10.7
255	200½	Tesco	236↑	+6		4.2	11.8
198	162	Thorntons	180			2.7	
238	145	Treats	208↑	-1		2.5	17.0
434½	338	Unigate	340	+2		6.4	9.6
388	301	Utd Biscuits	313	+3		6.2	8.3
21	8	Usborne	8½			4.9	6.3
422	270	Watson & Philip	375			4.9	15.2
49	34	West Trust	35↑			8.0	24.5

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Stk H	38				
94	70	City Centre Rest	80↑			2.8	16.2
295	209½	Forte	218½	+1½		4.3	34.0
207	169	Friendly Hotels	180			4.0	29.8
171½	142½	Jurys Hotel	168			4.1	15.0
217½	153	Ladbroke	157↑	-2		2.8	27.7
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	85	+3		3.7	22.4
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels IE	30½			4.3	17.4
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	913			0.5	
92	60½	Stakis	83	-1		1.8	29.9

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	34	-1			
544	410	AAH	410↑			5.5	14.6
185	119	AISE	144↑			3.9	38.4
138	72	APV	72↑	-½		7.6	
220	157	ASW	189↑			4.0	
302	158	Adwest	172	+1		5.6	∞
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	19↑			4.9	53.9
312	223	Airsprung	246			2.4	15.3
230	192	Alendra W	193			3.6	20.6
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6½				
330	283	Alumasc	325			2.3	17.1
73	34	Alvis	34↑	-2		3.7	23.6
780	705	Amber Ind	780			3.2	16.2
69½	47½	Amberley Gp	53↓	+3		2.4	∞
91	43	Anagen	55				
95	47	Andrews Sykes	65				
380	199½	Antofagasta	368			1.2	29.7
62	46	Armour	51			4.4	∞
175	167	Ash & Lacy	168			4.8	20.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½			1.5	55.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	582			3.5	25.3
297½	248	Assoc Nursg	248			1.0	14.5
553	490	Atlas Equip	538			5.1	18.7
125	60	Ayrshire Metal	111↑		1.5	1.7	
236	173	BBA	185↑	+7		3.0	
193	115	BLP Group	167↓			0.7	45.8
51	24½	BM Gp	46½	-1			
767	627	BOC	684			4.2	28.9
66½	67½	BSG	66			8.1	40.8
578	495	BSS Group	541			4.1	22.6
401	301½	BTR	314↑	+3		5.0	16.6
176	138	BWI	143	-1		5.9	18.1
40½	26½	Babcock	32				
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7½				
270	216	Baird (Wm)	225	-2		5.0	18.9
508½	368½	Barlow	409½			0.8	
81	64	Bayner (Charles)	76↑			2.9	19.5
25½	17	Bearing Power	22½			4.2	14.3
95	23	Beaufort	32				
35	25	Bedford (W)	32				
18½	11½	Benson Group	11½			3.6	∞
343	243	Bespak	295↑			4.3	15.1
91	49	Bibby (J)	54			4.6	
236	134	Billam (J)	141	+7		4.8	8.6
39	26	Bilston Brnsea	37				
10	7½	Bimec Ind	6½				
283	243	Birkby	253↑	-2		3.0	18.6
48	30	Black Arrow	44↑	-1		7.4	10.7
290	233	Black (Peter)	275↑			2.0	∞
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	229			3.3	6.7
329	262	Bodycote	308			2.2	21.7
40	26	Bogod 'A'	28↑			3.1	∞
75	43	Booth Inds	63				
29½	17	Boustead	28			3.6	∞
524	409	Bowater	462↑			3.5	17.3
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1843½	-18½			
297	252	Boxmore Intl	262			1.9	17.0
20	15	Brasway	17↑			3.9	17.3
370	288	Bramner	354↑			4.6	19.7
31	17½	Bridgend Gp	17½			1.4	∞
171	120	Bridon	162			3.1	
97	74	Bridport-Gndry	95			3.0	
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	47½			8.8	∞
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190			5.3	16.0
124	70	Br Bloodstock	74				66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	451			3.4	15.7
172	121½	Br Steel	171½	+6		1.5	63.5
176	83	Br Thornton	83	-5		9.0	7.3
309	233	Br Vita	239↑			3.9	17.7
180½	136½	Britton Grp	153↓			2.0	22.5
988	773½	Broken Hill	921	-2		2.2	37.6
125	86	Bromsgrve Ind	94↑			6.0	11.9
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	14				
71	46	Brown & Tawse	50				
186	135	Bullough	156			4.8	25.6
16	8	Business Tech	8½				
22	14	CI Group	16			3.9	65.3
54	31	Campbell & Arm	45				
39	26	Cannon St	27½				10.5
488	398	Carnab Pharms	398				
278	251	Cape	251			3.5	15.9
455	254	Caradon	294↑	+4		3.9	18.8
215½	128½	Caradon pf	142	+1½	7.2	6.4	
293	251	Cardo Eng	251	-1		4.5	16.4
10	6	Care UK	6½				
2446½	1890½	Carnaud Mtl	2065½				
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85			2.3	15.9
155	110	Castings	140			4.0	10.9
66	32½	Cathay Intl	34			2.3	17.2
233	191	Celltech	206				
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	160			5.1	10.1
836	636½	Charter	785			3.6	22.3
360	272	Chemring	298			4.0	15.2
62	46	Chieftain Gp	56↑			7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Int	169↑	+7		1.5	29.9
80	60	Claybithe	73			4.5	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	510		3.4	0.8	
297	232	Community H	256			3.0	∞
263	187	Concentric	189			3.9	15.7
310	240	Cook (Wm)	291↑			3.3	13.5
295	227	Cookson	243↑	+4		3.3	22.0
117	81	Copymore	115↑			4.5	16.3
167	131	Crmfl Pkr 'A'	131			5.6	∞
157	109	Cosalt	151			6.0	
285	198	Creighton Nt	201			4.8	∞
44	30	CrestaCare	31↑	-1		3.1	
2062½	1800	Dana	2200	-25			
388	277	Danka Bs Svs	284	-1		0.7	24.2
296	220	David Brown	245	-1		3.3	17.3
1021	825	De La Rue	930	+3		2.7	19.9
162	133	Denby Group	151			2.6	14.7
52	34	Dinkie Heel	34			5.2	8.7
628	458	Diploma	460	+1		3.4	16.4
97	70	Dobson Park	82			5.7	16.2
134	101	Doson O&B	108↑	-1		5.1	∞
97	78	Dyson 'A'	84↑	-1		5.2	∞
16	12	EFG	12½	+½	0.1	1.0	8.2
442	364	EIS	390			4.0	15.5
25	15	Elbief	17	-1			
53	37	Eleco	37	-4			
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3109½	+31½		1.7	53.2
91	69	Elliott (B)	87			1.4	13.3
447½	321	Eng China Cl	370↑	+7		5.5	17.8
146	96	Environmed	120	-2		0.2	
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3450½	+53½		1.1	30.1
86	56	Eurocopy	65			3.5	19.1
118	60	Expamet	102			3.2	71.3
402	334½	Fairey Group	377↑			2.1	19.9
148	109	Fenner	143	-1		4.3	
110	82	Ferraris Group	88			3.0	13.0
45	38	Ferrum	38				
78	50	Fife Indmar	58↑			5.9	8.5
157	113	Fisons	117			2.9	
60	37	Fitzwilton	41↑			10.5	
303	263	Flogas	303			2.8	12.5
51	38	Folkes Group nv	47↑		1.5	4.0	
126	94	French (Thomas)	95			4.8	18.8
264	220	Frost Group	238↑			2.8	24.0
88	77	GEI Int	83			2.3	23.3
660	510½	GKN	600↑	-1		4.3	28.1
79	49	GR Hldgs	55			4.1	
134	91	Garton Eng	130			4.3	35.2
191	136	Gestetner	140	+1		2.0	
66	49	Glevis	62			2.0	39.8
725	520	Glaxo	580↑	+6		5.8	14.2
46	35½	Glenchewton	39½				
404	326	Glynwed	326	-1		4.5	18.9
209	125	Goode Durrant	194	+1		3.9	15.2
185	133	Grampian Hdg	133			5.2	51.4
598	475	Granada	513↑	+2		2.2	20.3
775	452	Great Stham	773↑			2.3	25.6
85	71	Green (Ernst)	78	+3		10.0	∞
15½	11½	Greenacre	11½			3.7	15.9
85	61	Haden MacLn	79↑			3.2	20.4
132	90	Hadleigh	117↑			2.1	13.7
76	59	Halkin Hldgs	64				50.0
320	148	Hall Eng	149↑			6.7	11.7
256	204	Halma	219	+4		1.4	28.7
73	47	Hampson Ind	70↑			3.6	13.3
302	226½	Hanson	235½	+1½		6.4	21.1
161	122	Harris (Philip)	150			5.7	18.5
220	152	Harrisn Crsfld	170	+2		6.8	14.9
180	121	Havelock Euro	172			1.5	20.4
48	28	Hay (Norman)	29				
50	33	Headway	35↑			2.5	∞
511	284	Hepworth	300	+5		6.3	15.3
205	140	Hewitt (J)	140			2.9	
75	52	High-Point	53		0.5	1.2	
184½	141	Hill & Smith	141			5.2	15.3
191	111	Holders Tech	119			6.3	12.9
63	39	Hopkinsons	57			2.9	
216	176	Hornby	183			6.1	16.7
103	78	Howden	85↑	-3		3.6	13.6
292	234	Hozelock	261			2.9	18.6
265	179	Hunting	179			7.0	35.4
513	402	Huntigh Tec	433			1.5	24.9
379	288	IMI	299↑	-2		4.3	25.4
138	110	ISA Intl	116			1.8	15.5
165	45	Intercare Gp	47			9.3	5.0
325	284	Isotron	288↑			2.1	∞
730	409½	Jardine Math	547½	+10½		2.7	12.5
628	488	Johnson Math	551			2.6	21.9
51	37	Johnson & FB	39½			1.1	
294	149	Johnston	270			0.9	
32	25	Jones Stspman	30				
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	31			4.1	30.3
191½	148½	Kalon	159↑			3.5	15.1
302	230	Kelsey Ind	302			3.3	
875	730	Kershaw (A)	875			3.9	40.3
276	163	Kleeneze	168	-2		0.7	37.3
444	341	Laird	374			3.7	17.4
170	145	Lilleshall	164↑			3.6	17.2
229	205	Lincat	215↑			4.0	∞
408	313	Linton Park	408	+3		4.6	11.7
14	6	Lionheart	6			6.2	13.6
20½	15	Locker (T) A	17			1.5	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	89	-2			
175½	124½	Lonrho	131½	-1		3.8	36.1
438	364	Low & Bonar	410↑	-2		3.1	16.4
49	41	ML Hdgs	46↑			2.3	15.9
67	49	MS Intl	49			6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	58			3.2	14.1
271	223	Macfarlane	259↑			2.0	20.8
539	431	McKechnie	451			4.1	21.6
127	100	McLeod Russel	115			6.6	17.9
104	70	Magnolia	73			0.2	
179	129	Mang Bronze	170			2.6	19.2
26½	19½	Marling	25↑			3.3	44.8
231	166	Mayborn	188↑			3.9	12.5
64	53	Mayflower	57↑	+1		3.1	23.2
187	120	Medeva	146↑	+4		2.5	11.7
120	76	Meggitt	76↑			6.5	12.2
130	101	Metair	110			4.3	18.1
128	99	Metrotect	102			4.2	∞
133	99	Metsec	132			2.9	18.2
124	69	Midsames	70				9.7
589	545	Molins	545↑			3.6	11.0
408	322	Morgan Cble	323	-1		5.0	15.4
217	176	Morris Ashby	208↑			3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	38↑			4.1	17.8
80	42	Nestor-BNA	43↑			9.2	9.7
274	214	Nobo Gp	234↓			3.2	15.0
212½	119	Norcros	124			7.1	22.2
35	27	Novo Group	27	-2		5.1	8.7
64	48	OMI Intl	53½			4.1	
175	153	PCT	155↑			6.0	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems	71			6.4	23.0
46	31	Pascoe's	41				
123	84	Pentland	102↑			3.5	20.2
310	215	Photo-Me	215	-1		2.8	∞
208	162	Pilkington	186	+1		2.7	
53	38	Plant & Gen	53	+2	1.5	3.5	∞
185	82	Plantsbrook	173			2.5	20.4
185	129	Polypipe	140↑			2.1	∞
44	16	Porter Chadbrn	40				
341	218	Powerscreen	311	-1		2.9	13.9
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	17½			3.9	9.3
77	56	RPS Group	69↑			4.7	12.4
108	70	Radiant Metal	70				
447½	359½	Rank Org	411	+4		3.8	26.4
71	13	Ransomes	59				
714½	544½	Reckitt Coltn	554↑	-1		4.1	13.7
95	70	Record	88			5.2	19.5
5½	3½	Reece	4				
291	211	Relyon	258↑			2.6	47.1
308	268	Renishaw	278			2.9	35.0
185	126	Renold	170	-1		1.7	24.8
539½	424	Reuters	476	+8		1.8	23.8
90	72	Rexmore	72↑			4.3	7.3
194	138	Ricardo Group	153			5.0	∞
73	54	Richard (Leics)	54			5.2	38.7
104½	62½	Richardson West	85↑			4.8	18.7
164	118½	Ropner	136↑			6.9	15.4
24	14	Ross Gp	14			3.6	
195	157	Rotork	171↑			3.2	17.4
190	137	Rubicon	137↑			4.2	15.5
103	62	Russell (A)	97			2.9	19.7
42	34½	SEP Indl	38↑	-½		3.0	17.9
1459½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1121½	+6½			
272	166	Scapa	212			3.5	18.1
210	161	Scholl	161↑			5.0	15.4
295	242	Scotia	282	-3			
1543	1146	Securicor	1488↑	-3		0.3	36.8
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	947↑	-3		0.4	23.4
892	606	Security Serv	766↑	-3		1.0	24.3
150½	113	Senior Eng	114			3.8	18.4
356	291	Seton Health	335	-2		2.4	17.1
180	138	Shiloh	155			2.8	10.3
358	254	Sidlaw	254			5.3	12.4
630	517	Siebe	545↑	-3		2.5	17.5
378	194	Silentnight	217			4.6	12.4
196	137	Sime Darby	173	-2		3.1	∞
130½	75	Simon Eng	101				
244	196	Sinclair (Wm)	197	-1		4.4	15.9
73	35	Six Hundred	71			2.6	
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	145½	+½		4.4	15.0
465½	357½	Smithkline	427½	+4½		3.2	16.6
421	322	Smithkline Uts	387↑	+5		3.5	15.1
527½	427	Smiths Ind	427	-5		3.6	17.1
104	41	Sthn Bus	57	-2		8.9	8.1
200	155½	Spandes	263			1.1	24.6
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	434			2.9	18.3
81½	45	Spring Ram	46½	-½		1.3	
267	197	Staveley	209	+1		5.1	61.1
267	197	Sterling Ind	247			3.2	22.3
230	179	Suter	178↓			6.5	17.2
604	440½	Swire Pacific 'A'	508½	+5		1.8	∞
178	149	Sylone	160↑			3.7	18.4
455	344	TI	345↑	-1		4.1	19.1
44	31	TLS Range	39↑			3.2	15.7
402	330	TT Group	368	-3		2.3	∞
292	192	Takare	215↑	-8	2.0	1.2	18.7
852½	656	Takeda Chem	749½	-3½		0.9	13.9
121	92	Tinsley (E)	121↑			5.8	19.3
230	190	Titon	190			2.8	16.2
283	204	Tomkins	218↑	+9		4.3	14.0
124	74½	Trafalgar H	80½	+½		1.4	
105	45	Transfer Tech	45	-9		9.4	4.7
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	139↑			6.3	∞
318	262	UniChem	276	-22		3.1	15.4
440	345	Unidare	360			3.6	16.3
54	33	Unigroup	39				
1247	958	Unilever	1109	+7	25.0	2.8	16.0
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7234½	+75		3.0	14.6
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½			0.8	
1093	810	VSEL	973	+5		4.3	9.4
31½	13	Verson	13				
204	186	Vickers	178↑	+4		2.5	18.8
327	262	Victaulic	262↑			3.9	14.4
532	451	Vinten	513			2.0	16.6
805	661	Vosper Thorny	697	-1		3.2	15.1
65	37	WSP Hldgs	58↑			4.1	34.0
527	451	Watson Ind	475↑	-9		4.7	24.2
114	97	Walker Greenbk	106		3.3	3.9	∞
334	246½	Wassall	284↑	-1		1.6	24.4
63	44	Wtford Wdgwd	61				47.5
354½	245½	Weir	256½	+½		3.2	15.3
731	498	Wellcome	659↑	-19		3.3	15.0
220	196	Wellington Hdg	196↑			3.3	18.9
39½	37½	Wellman	38			3.0	62.0
400	284	West Hilbcare	355↑			1.6	∞
548	415	Whatman	415↑			3.2	15.2
264	90	Whessoe	100	+4		10.2	7.6
147	93	Whitecroft	139			1.8	21.9
13½	10	Widney	11				
414½	322	Williams Hldg	344↑	+7		4.8	21.2
57	39½	Wilshaw	56½			1.3	23.2
975	705	Wolseley	763	+6		2.4	18.5
153	155	Wood (Arthur)	155			2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	65↑			1.0	∞
96	70	Young (H)	78			5.3	

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1225↑	-25		5.4	
2047½	1693½	Am Gen	1725	-37½		4.3	
86	50½	Archer	51			2.5	
165	89	Bradstock	97			7.2	11.1
550	370	Britannic	392↑	+1		4.1	
117	90	CLM Insce	91		1.4	2.0	
701½	481½	Com Union	507↓	+11		6.2	19.1
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670↑			2.1	∞
64	33	FAI	37			1.3	
194	144	Fenchurch Grp	147	-2		6.1	13.1
757	533	Gen Accident	554	+7		6.4	8.8
247	161	GRE	187	+2		5.3	20.6
457	272	Heath C E	272			7.4	
323	239	Independent	257↑	-3		4.3	7.3
203	128½	JIB Group	133↑			7.0	12.2
547	407	Legal & Gen	445↑	+2		5.8	14.9
1375	965½	Liberty Life	1318½	-12½		7.9	5.1
119	93	LIMIT	94			1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	336↑	+3		6.9	10.2
310	165	Lloyd Thomp	165			6.1	∞
185	159	Lombard Ins	184↑			5.2	∞
443	313	Londn & Man	330↑	+9		6.1	16.4
236	190	Lowndes Lmb	194↓	-2		4.8	12.2
5897½	4862½	Marsh McLn	4900	-37½		3.7	
188	147	Nelson Hurst	170↑			4.1	17.0
129½	109	Orion	119			5.3	∞
83	38	PWS	39			9.6	
385	271	Prudential	299↑	-1		5.7	12.9
404	261	Refuge	271	+2		5.5	∞
350	232½	Royal	282↑	+4		4.0	7.1
222	149	Sedgwick	149↑			5.0	16.9
155	105	Steel Burrill	113			10.2	
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	60			6.2	72.2
418	295	Sun Alliance	322↑	+2		5.8	9.0
96	51	Trade Indemnity	64			1.8	14.2
464	340	Transatlantic	340↑			4.4	30.8
673	468	Utd Friendly	504↑	-2		4.2	25.9
245	133	Willis Corroon	146↑	-3		5.7	14.1
28	20	Windsor	23				18.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	333½	-1		2.5	
2058	1703	Alliance	1753↑	+19		3.4	
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	416	+4		2.1	
161	118½	BZW Conv	119↑			8.2	∞
219	173	Bankers	183	+2½		2.6	
381	311	Baring Tribne	321	+1		2.6	
248	198	Berry Starq	220	-5	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	94½	+1½		5.7	
98	89	Br Empire Sec	94	+½		1.2	
46	31	Br Empire Wts	38				
234	188	Br Inv	200	+4		3.0	
272	221	Brunner	235			2.8	
223	194	Contl Asset	199			1.9	
173	147	Derby Inc	160			12.3	
328	268	Derby Cap	283	+3			
100	73	Drayton Blue	79			13.3	
111	84	Dytn Eng Intl	94			1.1	
156	128	Dytn Far East	141½	+1½		0.6	
784	613	Dunedn Inc G	643↑	+4		5.1	
108	85	Dunedn Japan	91	+½			
80	45	Dunedn Wts	48	+½			
341	292	Dunedn Smlr	320			3.5	
827	725	Dunedn Wwde	772	+7		1.5	
360	281	Edinburgh	303	+5		3.6	
354	286	Electra Inv	319	+4		1.8	
220	185	Electric Gen	194	+1		2.1	
127	106	English Scot	112	+1			
345	286	European Assr	308			1.9	
174	149½	Fidly Euro Val	151			0.2	
103½	88	Fidly Jap Val	89½	+1			
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	160		3.0	2.3	
343	276½	Fleming Amer	296	+1		0.4	
145	79½	Fleming Chinese	80	-1			
92	40	Fleming Wts	40				
267	196	Fleming Claver	206↑	+1		3.3	
385	305	Fleming Cond	324			0.8	
264	190	Fleming Entp	205↑			2.9	
459	327	Fleming F East	367	+3	1.5	0.5	
422	359½	Fleming Fledg	367			1.0	
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	94↑	+2		5.9	
284	223	Fleming Japan	262	+6		0.2	
347	269½	Fleming Merc	289½	+2		2.9	
347½	280½	Fleming O'seas	290↑	+3		1.8	
155½	126½	Foreign & Cbl	135½	+2		1.6	
148	106½	Frgn Eng Mkts	139½	+1	0.2	0.2	
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	72½			1.0	
261	216	Frgn Eurost	231	+3		0.7	
145	116	Frgn German	123	+1		0.5	
374	307	Frgn Pacific	321	+1		1.0	
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	168			1.5	
303	246	GT Japan	248	+2		0.6	
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	173				
119½	105	Genl Inc	108↑			10.1	
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	144	+1½			
151	101	Gov Eng Mks	121½	+½		0.3	
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	86				
112	78	Govett High Inc	78↑			7.0	
420	349	Govett Oriental	368	+3		0.3	
346	239	Govett Strategic	241	+2		3.5	
475	410	Greenfriar	425			2.0	
19	19	Gresham House	19				
105	86	Herald	90				
99	92	Ind Biotech	94				
50	30	Inv Wts	41				
158	122	Inv Cap	128	+4		5.0	
119	94	IRS UK Smlr	107			3.3	
177	136	INVESCO Korea	161				
243	196½	Kleinwort Chrt	202½	+1½		3.2	
88½	75½	Klnwt Euro Pvt	77½	+½			
49	23½	Klnwt Euro Wts	28½				
272½	232½	Klnwt O'seas	237½	+1		1.8	
165	133	Klnwt Smlr	133↑			2.9	
826	672	Law Debenture	751↑	+2		3.2	
227	190	Majedie	200	+1		3.1	
324	237	Merchants	257½	+4		5.5	
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	81½	+½			
45	28½	Mercury Wts	30	+½			
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	114	+3½			
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	43½	+1½			
2987½	2225	Merrill Lynch	2225				
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	523	+4		1.7	
158	127	Morg Grfn Inc	132			4.3	
64	43	Morg Wts	50	+½			
111	87	Morg Lam Amer	108½	+1			
65	39	Morg Wts	61½				
148	114	Murray Ent	121↓			2.1	
58	34	Murray Wts	38				
68	54	Murray Euro	60			0.6	
23½	16	Murray Wts	17				
393	317	Murray Income	392↑	+5		4.5	
395	319	Murray Intl	338	+1		4.7	
548	424	Murray Small	492	+1		1.1	
97	82	Murray S/C Inc	88↑			15.1	
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	147				
3400	2975	Murray S/C Uts	3050↑			4.3	
162	153	Murray S/C DP	159½				
365	321	Murray Vent	321			4.6	∞
95	61	Nwthrog Inc	64			9.3	
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	355	+2		1.1	
241	179	O'seas Wts	207				
640½	433	Pacific Assets	524	+3		0.3	
542	336	Pacific Wts	425				
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8500		195	2.6	
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	175			1.1	
127	112½	River & Merc	113½	+½		10.1	
449	413	Robeco	440			2.9	
463	415	Rolinco	442			1.8	
343	290	St Andrew Inv	320↑			3.1	
183	150½	Scot American	161↑	+2		3.7	
368	238	Scot Asian	290	+2			
1070	863	Scot Wts	808	+5			
97½	77	Scot Eastern	82↑	+1		2.4	
282½	209½	Scottish	216	+1½		2.0	∞
264½	205	Scottish Mtge	222	+1½		2.3	
139½	111	Scottish Value	111½	+½		2.2	
1795	1520	Second Allnce	1550↑	+5		3.4	∞
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	82½	+1½		4.9	
179	148	Selective Asset	161	+2		1.1	
51½	31	Sphere Inv	43½	+½		9.4	
205	149	TR Far East	168↑	+1		1.9	
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	141	+2		4.7	
124½	86	TR Pacific	112	+1		0.2	
43½	32	TR Property	33½	+1		3.4	
152	113	TR Tech Inv	117	+1		1.9	
228	182	TR Smlr Cos	197↑	+4½		2.4	
412	310	Temple Bar	339↑	+3		3.1	
125	102	Thrgtn Asian E	113			0.6	
101	72½	Throgmorton	79½			3.6	
568	466	Thrmg Dual Cp	505	+2			
269	233	USDC Invest	243↑			2.3	
129	109½	Vkine Inc Tst	112			4.5	
257½	205	Witan	226½	+2½		3.2	

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
579½	417	Airtours	440	+1		2.6	15.3
46½	19	Ald Leis	20				
177	153	Alpha Airpts	153	-2		3.3	∞
131	85	Baldwin	116↑			3.8	20.8
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	279↑			4.5	11.6
365	231	Boosey Hwks	343			1.8	20.7
205	133	Border TV	187	-3		2.7	15.6
7½	3½	Brent Walker	3½	+½			
200	100	Bristol Scots	200	+20			
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	3				
74	38	Campari	38				
439	328	Capital Radio	381	+1		2.1	33.6
1047	797	Carlton Comm	828	+13		2.9	18.3
375	248	Castle Comm	380			1.6	∞
213	114	Chrysalis	206		3.2	2.0	
374	305	Compass Gp	323	+5		2.6	19.0
290	232	Eurocamp	270		9.9	4.6	11.1
213	92	Euro Disney	99	-4			
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½				
455	308	Fairline Boats	435			3.5	20.6
131	81	First Choice	125	-1		3.5	
390	262	First Leisure	266↑			3.1	17.7
478	309	Flextech	420				
1038	675	GWR Gp	913↑	+3		1.4	30.0
356	228	Grampian	345	-4		2.2	18.4
172	106	HTV Group	156			1.4	42.8
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	78			4.4	11.5
18½	11½	Kunick	15½				
263	200	London Clubs	245	+1		6.1	12.5
702	539	Man Utd	684			3.7	27.6
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½				
61	34	Northern	61	+2		4.2	∞
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	94	-2		1.5	∞
183	135	Prism Leisure	135			3.9	9.5
43	28	Quadrant Grp	30				
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	265↑			2.1	39.9
628	395	Scott Radio	590			2.2	23.0
574	355	Scot TV	495	+4		3.1	27.1
40½	21½	SelecTV	22	+½			
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	335			2.0	18.9
153	125	Sunset & Vine	128		3.3	2.4	19.7
349½	281	Tinsiong	280			1.1	∞
167	75	Tottenham Hot	144↑			0.9	38.6
780	518	Ulster TV	718↑			2.8	22.1
150	129	VCI	149			4.6	13.3
149	112	Vardon	117↑	-2		1.3	20.7
392	150	Yorkshire TV	385	-1			
146	110	Zetters Gp	146↑	+4		7.3	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3768½	2509½	Ang Am	3315½	-3½		2.0	33.1
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3487½			2.6	18.9
7200½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	7209½	+40½		3.3	21.4
38	25½	Anglo Pac Res	25½				
1512½	1198½	Ashanti	1275	+18½			
404	275	Bakyrchik	304				
184	90½	Blyvoors	171	+8½			
37	14½	Bracken	19½			5.6	
898	580½	Buffels	895	+15		6.1	∞
6	2½	Butte	3				
968	745½	CRA	887			2.4	28.0
55½	35	Cliff Res	49½				
130	29½	Coal Inv	121	+1			
1750½	1318½	De Beers	1487½	+25		3.5	15.7
148	88	Deelkraal	117½			3.0	10.3
99½	30½	Doornfontein	99½	+23½			
1029½	665½	Driefontein	1017½	+1		4.2	14.9
928	549½	Durban	859½	+31			
209½	107	E Rand Gold	198½	-½		9.0	7.4
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	114½	+15½			
496	300½	Elandsrand	495	-½		3.2	11.4
1239	741½	FS Cons	1056½	+22½		6.3	11.3
82	27	FS Dev	82				
1919½	1199½	GFSA	1869½	+8½		2.0	27.2
212½	108	Gencor	209	+3		1.3	∞
80½	57½	GM Kalgoorli	63	+1		2.2	23.6
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	19½				
202	105½	Grootvlei	195½	+13½		4.6	∞
660½	319½	Harmony	660½	+38½			
430	288½	Hartles	389½	+16½		7.3	11.4
1506½	831½	Impala Plat	1506½	+3½		1.7	46.4
1315½	890½	Kinross	1175	+18½		4.1	∞
1087½	568½	Kloof	1081	+5		3.0	11.2
137	69½	Leslie	128	-2		6.3	∞
368½	176½	Loraine	361½	-8½			
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1157½			2.0	∞
162	118	MIM	133	+3		1.8	
1762½	1227	Minorco	1650↑			2.2	∞
201½	148½	Nth Bkn Hill	171	-2		3.0	28.5
904	790	RTZ	904↑	+11		2.9	25.8
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½			2.3	17.5
825	547½	Randfontein	784	-½		4.1	∞
395	207	Rexison	290	-8			
1809½	1079½	Rustnbrg	1743½			1.7	∞
756	539½	St Helena	736½	-½		3.5	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	2115½	+65½		4.1	24.5
143	73	Stilfontein	136½	+1½		19.5	∞
261½	90	Unisel	214½	-16		2.1	∞
7600	4942½	Vaal Reefs	7221½	+103½		3.5	11.8
1057½	508½	Western Areas	1057½	+50½		6.7	∞
3362½	2080	Western Deep	3309½	+84½		3.1	11.4
398	307½	Wstrn Mining	369	-7		1.0	∞
1225	603½	Winkels	909½			3.9	∞
66	50	Zambia Copper	59				
68	48	Zandpan	65			7.6	13.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	278		3.0	2.7	21.1
140	108	Airflow Streams	140			6.1	20.8
175	118	Appleyard	118↑			4.8	11.3
405	268	Bletchley Mtr	275↑			2.5	17.3
306	180	Bostrom	306			2.4	40.4
584	390	Br Aerospace	464	-4		6.4	11.4
57	37	Burndene	39	+2		4.6	20.9
465	280	Caffyns	310	-15		1.2	15.4
22	13½	Caverdale	15½			4.4	24.5
130	98	Central Mtr	99↑			2.8	∞
51	32½	Cook (DC)	44↑			4.6	10.9
348	222	Cowie	222			5.4	17.4
192½	127	Dag Motors	153			2.6	15.5
158	113	Dawnpt Vern	156			0.8	
332	275	ERF	327			5.3	15.8
234	202	Eurodollar	202			4.3	12.9
173	114	European Mtr	123↓			4.4	12.7
539½	399	Evans Halshaw	405↑	-8		3.3	15.7
310	235	FR Group	288				
2359½	1687½	Ford Motor	1762½	+62½		1.7	
4387½	2950	General Mtr	3000	+37½		3.3	23.1
90	60	Gowrings	76↑			3.3	15.2
342½	266½	Henlys	284↑	-2		0.4	
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1047½	+17			20.1
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58			3.2	18.0
184	145	Kwik-Fit	157↑			4.7	13.6
573	356	Lex Service	356	-5		4.1	13.0
282	162	Lookers	208↑			4.6	
239	158	Lucas	192	-2		1.3	
29½	24	Malaya Grp	24			4.0	15.6
310	237	Pendragon	237↑			5.2	9.2
238	171	Perry Gp	171			4.3	16.2
218	153	Quicks Group	154↑			3.4	32.5
204	161	Rolls-Royce	184½	+3½		6.0	19.7
261	203	T & N	226↑	+7		2.4	23.7
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	328			3.5	15.7
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	166↑				

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	294↑			2.8	21.0
345	320	Black (A&C)	345			4.9	14.6
402	213	Blenheim Gp	235			5.6	8.7
413	365	Bristol	376			4.1	26.0
1660	1100	Daily Mail	1350			1.4	31.6
1484½	960½	Daily Mail 'A'	968½			2.0	22.7
314	260	Dorling Kind	298	-3		1.4	∞
6712½	5381½	Elsevier	6009½	+37½		3.2	19.4
460	361½	EMAP	377↑			2.9	23.4
1075	1450	Euromoney Pb	1805			2.8	31.8
194	32	Harrington K	55↑			6.1	∞
515	383	Haynes Pub	443↑			2.5	∞
406	340	Hodder H'line	350			1.9	56.7
180	130	Home Counts	175↑			3.6	42.9
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	229↑			1.9	15.1
15	8	Int Cm & Data	10				
340	277½	Independent	298↑			2.5	10.1
669½	551	Johnston Press	619↓			1.5	22.7
110	43	MAID	59				
492	338	Metal Bulletin	484↑			2.9	25.2
177½	131	Midland Ind	132↑	+1		2.7	18.1
303	123	Mirror Gp	132↑	-4		0.9	7.0
514½	382½	News Corp	403↑	+11		0.3	26.0
314	224	News Intl	263↑	-13		0.7	12.8
735	552	Pearson	586↑	+14		2.8	20.2
760	670	Portsmth Sund	675			2.0	16.7
904	722	Reed Int	783↑	+17		3.2	23.1
249	187	Southnews	229			1.6	30.0
200	143	Sterling Pub	149↑			3.0	12.7
622	333	Telegraph	334↑			4.9	11.8
885	685	Thomson Corp	735		30.1	5.1	36.7
472	394	Trinity Intl	405↑			3.1	20.0
45	18½	Unit Group	36				
731	419	Utd Newspapers	487	+1		5.8	11.6

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	24½	Aran Energy	36	+½			21.8
53	35	Arcon Intl	48				
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	65½	+2½			
67	43	Aviva Pet	46				
9	6	Beverley	6½#				64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	213↑	-2		4.2	10.0
358	293	British Gas	294½	+6½		6.2	
430	340	Br Petroleum	398↑	-1		2.9	21.8
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½#				
919	811	Burmah Castl	851	-4		4.1	16.7
84	56	Cairn Energy	75				41.3
375	261	Calor Gp	282	-6		5.7	13.3
51	33	Clyde Pet	39↑			1.1	
30	13	Coplex Res	17½				
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½				
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	21				22.7
406	379	Enterprise	392↑	+8		5.1	
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½			5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	6½				
77	54	Goal Pet	67			2.7	22.3
48	31	Gt Western Res	43				
177	137	Hardy O & G	142	+2		0.9	18.2
55	40	Kelt Energy	51			3.3	
169	110½	Lasmo	155½	+1½		0.8	
73	53	Lasmo Units	55↑		7.8	17.8	
75	55	Monument	69½	+½			74.0
7½	4	New London	4½				
50	36	OIS Search	44				
50½	17½	Perenco	40½	+1			
168	153	Pict Per	156½				
111	100	Plnmnscliff Rs	105				
32½	21½	Premier	28½	-½			14.4
158	118	Presidio	128			5.2	
282	179	Ramco Egy	232	-3		0.3	
463	335	Ranger	400			5.1	
7700	6687½	Royal Dtch Pt	6625	+28½		4.7	17.8
4084½	3405½	Schlumberger	3515½	+21½		2.2	
65	50	Seafield	61				
758	651	Shell	694½	+4½		4.5	21.0
187	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	129				
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11½				
237	138½	Woodside	213	-2		1.8	
110	28	XCL	88	+1			

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	145	AG Holdings	149			4.5	13.3
444	367	API	362			2.9	23.0
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	268↑	+2		3.0	40.4
730	540	Abbott Mead	663	-1		2.2	36.1
33	17½	Aegis Gp	27	-1½			
205	145	Aspen Cmm	169↑			3.7	67.8
26	16	BBB Design	20				10.3
472	393	Bemrose	393↑			3.4	14.1
13½	6½	Birkdale	8½				
186	139	Bunzl	173	+2		3.0	20.1
169	117½	CIA Gp	142↑			1.5	23.0
198	129	Capital Inds	162	-2		3.1	14.1
36	30½	Chime Comm	31				
99	70	City of Lon	87			6.3	13.3
439	304	Cropper (Jms)	319			1.4	16.0
114	80	Delyn Group	83			2.5	15.1
137	104	Dolphin Pack	123			4.6	15.8
83	70	Dudley Jenkns	70↑			5.8	15.5
17½	12	Elswick	17½	+½		2.4	19.0
101	75	Fairway Group	91↑	-1		4.7	17.0
430	334	Ferguson Intl	334	-1		4.7	14.2
145	120	Ferry Pick	128↑	-1		5.6	
227	188	Filofax	208↑			1.1	20.6
17½	8	Finch	12				
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139↑			4.9	13.0
275	171	Gold Greenless	176↑	-2		3.8	∞
34	23	Goodhead	30↑	+1		0.2	∞
30	3	Hunterprint	4				
162	128	Inter-europe	129			7.6	11.7
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	279			2.3	30.0
30½	22	Lopex	25			3.1	28.3
431	344	More O'Ferrall	370	-3		4.5	21.2
425	290	Osborne & Little	410			2.0	14.9
60	32	Osprey Comms	37			0.3	
820	513	Portals	694	-5		3.0	18.7
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2				
339	260	Quarto	260			2.9	14.0
412	319	St Ives Gp	319	-8		2.3	22.4
178	127	Saatchi	155				30.2
902½	464½	Sappi	815½	+15½		12.4	5.0
30½	17	Senff	17	-½			
37	20½	Shandwick	30½	-½		1.1	2.6
573	398	Smith David	534↑	-6		2.5	23.8
439	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	421	+21		1.9	50.7
119	84	Sonic	85			3.7	9.1
254	197	Star-Plus	197↑			5.8	18.7
48½	29½	Taylor Nelson	38½			2.0	23.1
161	118½	VTR	131			3.8	20.8
36½	25	WMGO	26			2.4	12.7
129	63½	WPP	114	+4		1.1	16.3
270	182	Wace	240↑	-1		2.1	15.3
291	209	Waddington (J)	225			4.7	11.0
511	365	Wassough	377↑	+2		2.3	23.9
45	29	Whitney Mck	41				
132	98	Wyndeham	129			2.2	18.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	89	Allied Lon	100			5.0	∞
48	36	Arcadian	42				
278	253	Argent	269				
10½	3½	Ascot Hldgs	3½				
144	109	Asda	117	+1		2.4	20.8
191	115	Avonside	127↑			4.3	14.9
2575	2096½	BCE	2259½				
302½	254	Bilton	254	-6		4.7	18.5
108	72	Bourne End	91			1.4	
276	198	Bradford	199	+1		4.1	14.0
474	360	Br Land	393	+14		2.4	34.4
137	121	Brightstone	121			3.9	27.2
226	179	Brixton	193	+5		5.3	16.6
118	90½	Burford	95↑	+2		2.1	30.8
112	100	CLS Hldgs	102			6.0	
207½	129½	Cap & Regnl	155			1.2	61.1
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	196	+1		4.1	47.2
325	228	Cardiff Prop	228			1.4	51.0
185	152	Chelsfield	161			1.9	39.5
678	520	Chesterfield	530			2.9	23.3
112	97	Chesterton Intr	98			4.2	13.8
84	36	City Site Ests	63				
12½	7½	Clarke Nickolls	7½			1.7	15.5
350	285	Compco	310			5.5	∞
50	32	Conrad Ritbt G6	32↑			2.0	∞
1755	1380	Daejan	1370↑	+10		2.6	16.0
25½	5	Davis Estates	9½				
158	105	Debenham Twsn	112	-2		3.9	18.2
17	6	De Morgan	8				
189	161	Denmore	160			2.5	46.6
367½	261	Derwent Hldgs	261			2.2	28.3
41	21	Development Sec	21½	-½		0.6	
51	45	Dwyer	49				
460	275	Estates Agency	370↑			3.5	44.7
47	18	Estates Gen	27½				
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	113	+2		2.8	19.7
43½	25½	Ex-Lands	25½	-1½		1.7	
80	68	Fiscal Prop	70				
37	24	Five Oaks	25½			1.0	
78	55	Fletcher King	57↑			3.4	27.3
536	402	Frogmore	444	+25		4.9	∞
325	228	Grainger	258			2.6	46.1
260	174	Gr Portland	187	+8		5.3	35.6
22½	12½	Greycoat	13				
289	149	HK Land	164½	+6		3.9	∞
96	43	Hambro Cntyw	46	+4		0.7	46.7
435	317	Hammerson	327	+4		3.9	31.8
390	298	Helical Bar	359	+3		2.0	14.4
37	29½	Hemingway	33½			1.5	55.8
78	37	Herring Baker	42			4.0	
311½	136½	Jermyn	180↑				
792	588	Land Sec	625	+8½		4.8	17.7
122	85	Lon Merch Sec	88	-1		6.0	15.0
16	8½	Lon & Metro	8½				0.4
582	408	MEPC	451	-7		5.5	25.9
13½	6	McInerney A	6				
190	164	McKay Secs	181↑			3.6	17.0
35	29	Marlfeld Mtr	31			3.2	12.1
55	27	Mountleigh Ex	32↑			3.9	
1425	1200	Mountview	1207½	-18½		2.3	12.0
196	146	Mucklow (A&J)	146	-½		5.5	∞
59	30	OEM	30				
64	34	Olives Prop	39	-2			12.7
191	148	PSIT	151↑			3.8	21.4
399	247	Peel	247↑	-2		2.3	∞
162	150	Pillar Prop	150	-1		3.1	
12½	4½	Power Corp	4½				
9½	5	Premier Land	5½				12.5
53	32	Raglan	34↑				10.2
60	26½	Regalian	27				
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170			1.3	10.8
134	109	Rugby Est	109↑			3.6	
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½			2.9	12.8
78	59	Savile Grdn (J)	60↑			5.6	∞
100	71	Savills	71	-2		4.0	∞
108	82	Scot Met	86			2.3	
135	101	Shaftesbury	101				
17½	8	Shield	8				4.2
307	221	Slough Estates	237↑	+2		4.3	30.7
103	55	Southend Prop	58↑			5.2	
50	23	Stanhope Prps	23				
39	34	TBI	35½				1.9
244	177	Tops Ests	177↑			1.6	42.2
163	119	Town Centre	119			3.7	21.3
107	91	Trafford Park	94			4.3	∞
58	28	UK Land	47				
317	220	Warner	221↑	+1		6.3	21.3
260	218	Warnford	230↑			4.2	19.0
7½	1½	Waterglade	2½	-½			
109½	63	Wates	64	-1			
105	68	Wood John D	69	+1		3.6	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37				
173	163	Chamb Phipps	164			5.6	21.5
202½	140	Lambert	140↑			6.1	13.2
75	53	Pittards	69			3.2	
26	19	Strong & Fisher	23			5.4	15.7
268	227	Stylo	268↑	+10		1.9	25.8
89	50½	UK Safety	54			6.1	13.0

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	496↑			3.3	15.2
71	51	Beckman (A)	51			8.8	10.9
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	18				
226	171	Br Mohair	197↑			5.4	20.2
385	282	Claremont Ga	300↑			3.1	16.7
593	451	Courtauld Tex	471↑	+5		3.8	18.7
159½	119	Dawson	133	+2		2.8	
42	28	Drummond	29				12.9
80	72	Foxpel	77			8.0	13.0
29	18	Foster (John)	18				
168	113	Gaskell	149↑			3.6	
33	29½	Helene Plc	27			9.3	11.1
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	242	-3		2.4	17.1
73	55	Jerome (S)	65			1.6	32.7
495	350	Lamont	350			4.5	13.4
340	265	Leeds	279			2.7	14.2
101	68	Lyles (S)	85			5.3	∞
366	181	Parkland	181			3.3	10.8
112	80	Readicut	80			5.4	13.7
70	47	SEET	50				
146	100	Sirdar	105			6.7	∞
64	50	Stirling Gp	59↑			4.0	16.3
46	33	Stoddard	34			5.9	12.8
330	215	Tomkinsons	215			6.7	31.2
49	34	West Trust	35↑			8.9	24.5
299	239	Yorkyde	275			2.2	13.3

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	423↑	+11		6.1	11.1
489	337	Rothmans	401	-7		4.1	21.4

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	260↑	+2		2.4	20.7
541½	440	BAA	487	+9		3.3	20.7
128	103½	Badgerline	119	+5		4.3	
496½	360	Br Airways	380	-4½		3.9	11.3
108	75	Clarkson (H)	93			2.4	23.4
592½	246	Eurotunnel Uts	261	+2			
87	50	Fisher (James)	50				
155	126½	IoM Steam	130↑	-2		4.2	9.9
63	39	Jacobs (H)	55↑	+2		3.8	
111	90	Lon O'Seas Frts	90↑			5.3	2.1
534	380	Mersey Docks	405↑			2.9	19.6
347	245	Natl Express	319↑			3.0	18.4
291	157	NFC	174↑	+3		5.1	26.7
348	248	Ocean Group	257↑			7.0	13.0
91	58	Ocean Wilson	73			5.5	9.4
743	597	P & O Dfd	635↑	+7		6.0	19.6
198	153	P & O 5.5%	195	+1		3.5	
705	540	Powell Duffryn	577	+4		5.1	16.4
102	84	Stacon	98↑			3.1	21.6
210	158	Stagecoach	208↑			2.5	20.7
131	85½	TNT	111	+1			
915	750	Tibbet & Britn	750			2.5	20.1
79	27	Tiphook	35				
327	207	TDG	207↑			5.7	13.9
156	98	Ugland	135↑			0.7	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	101↑			2.0	

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	539↑	+9		5.3	14.0
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	330			4.4	11.1
751	508	Northumbrian	665↑	+5		4.6	7.3
671	454	North West	541↑	+17		5.3	8.1
645	457	Severn Trent	542↑	+11		5.2	7.6
682	466	Southern	585↑	+3		4.9	8.5
1740	1525	South Staffs	1740			3.7	11.5
675	484	South West	527	+6		6.0	7.8
611	439½	Thames	510	+16		5.5	8.8
744	546	Welsh	640↑	+4		5.0	7.3
795½	551	Wessex	605↑	+7		4.9	8.0
630	458	Yorkshire	530↑	+12		5.4	7.8

Source: Finstat

♣ USM; # Price at suspension; ↑ Ex dividend; ↑ Ex scrip; ↑ Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; ♦ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 9% 1994	100	...	8.96	5.49
107	102	Treas 12% 1995	102	...	11.76	5.72
99	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	98↑	...	3.05	5.96
107	102	Exch 10¼% 1995	102	...	9.98	6.67
113	105	Treas 12¾% 1995	106	...	12.03	7.06
117	108	Treas 14% 1996	108	...	12.96	7.41
121	111	Treas 15¼% 1996	111↑	...	13.70	7.64
117	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	108	...	12.25	7.74
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103		9.63	7.98
121	110	Treas 13¼% 1997	110	...	11.99	8.12
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	...	10.01	8.16
110	101	Treas 8¾% 1997	101		8.66	8.32
131	116	Exch 15% 1997	117↑		12.79	8.51
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103		9.44	8.54
106	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96↑		7.53	8.51
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94↑		7.13	8.52
131	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	116		12.06	8.74
140	122	Treas 15½% 1998	122↑		12.62	8.62
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	110		10.82	8.74
116	101	Treas 9½% 1999	102		9.24	8.70

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	98	Treas 6% 1999	98		6.08	8.62
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	112		10.87	8.80
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	106		9.87	8.79
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	105		9.70	8.84
110	99	Conv 9% 2000	100		8.92	8.78
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	117		11.07	8.96
106	96	Treas 7% 2001			7.75	8.86
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	104		9.54	8.98
122	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	104		9.36	9.01
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	94		8.45	8.91
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	106		9.41	8.98
139	109	Treas 11½% 2001-4	111		10.34	9.20
78	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	71		4.91	7.73
109	88	Treas 6¾% 2004			7.81	8.81
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	101		9.14	8.91
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	104		9.11	8.88
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120		10.41	9.20
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	93		8.54	8.88
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	92		8.39	8.81
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114		10.25	9.20
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	97		8.70	8.80
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127		10.63	9.20
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	101		8.84	9.20

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	93		8.53	8.78
125	100	Conv 9% 2011	102		8.80	8.73
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	102		8.78	8.71
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	72		7.57	8.62
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91		8.48	8.45
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	94	+1¼	8.51	8.65
159	120	Exch 12% 2013-17	128		9.32	8.86
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	+1¼	8.66	8.63

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	40	...	8.74	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	28↑		8.75	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	198		2.86	4.20
113	108	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107↑		2.87	3.68
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165		3.42	3.84
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160		3.53	3.87
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108↑		3.52	3.84
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	166		3.61	3.87
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151		3.66	3.88
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156		3.68	3.88
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128		3.71	3.89
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	136		3.75	3.91
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131↑		3.78	3.92
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	108		3.76	3.90
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107		3.80	3.94

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Roy Orbison deserves better than he gets in the West End tribute, Only the Lonely

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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** reels from Ken Loach's powerful new drama, and enjoys the ultimate chase movie

Shaken and stirred

Ladybird Ladybird
Lumiere, 18, 102 mins
Emotionally devastating Ken Loach film

Speed
Odeon West End, 15, 115 mins
Enjoyable stunt-strewn thriller

Bad Boy Bubby
Plaza, 18, 113 mins
Inventive and disturbing tale of an innocent at large

The Red Squirrel
Metro, 18, 114 mins
Frisky debunking of Spanish male machismo

Ken Loach's last two films, *Riff-Raff* and *Raining Stones*, lulled us into a false sense of security. For all the hard social comments and violent behaviour, by and large they were comedies in praise of the human spirit. **Ladybird Ladybird**, however reminds us that Loach has also directed such searing dramas as *Cathy Come Home*, *Up the Junction* and *Family Life*. He can kick us in the solar plexus, make us wail and tear out our hair.

Imagine the scene. Maggie, a Liverpudlian in London with a loving heart but a hot temper, is having her sixth child. Four from previous relationships, the last with an abusive partner, have been removed by social services. A fifth, the result of her new union with a political exile from Paraguay, has gone the same way after Maggie showed the social workers her prickly side and a neighbour spread lies. When she becomes pregnant again, social services snatch the new baby almost from the womb. Howls of rage from Crissy Rock, the club comedienne whose powerful performance won her the Berlin Film Festival's Best Actress prize. Gasps from the audience, shaken to its core.

Most British films, when they get made at all, glide over emotions. But *Ladybird Ladybird* plunges right in. Playwright and TV writer Rona Munro developed her script from true story, though there is no suggestion of a documentary, with the issues cut and dried. Despite the delivery-room melodrama and the odd shot of a social worker deep in a book called *Fundamentals of Psychology*, the social services are depicted as neither fools nor devils. And Maggie often puts her worst foot forward. When she flies off the handle, appearances suggest the unfit mother she is pigeonholed as being. A director less dedicated to raw feelings would have smoothed out the characters' edges. Loach does not.

Only with Jorge, the Paraguayan who gives Maggie her first chance of a long relationship, does the treatment turn a little bland. "You have to love something, or you are empty," he murmurs softly. Musician Vladimir Vega persuasively conveys the political exile's gentle dignity, though the character wears more of a halo than necessary.

Ladybird Ladybird, funded by Channel 4 and filmed without frills by much of the team Loach used so successfully on *Riff-Raff* and *Raining Stones*, was made to disturb. One unsettling aspect, however, seems accidental. Loach and Munro put so much of their hearts into supporting Maggie's right to a family life that the words condom or birth control never enter any characters' heads.

Instead of waiting for her relationship with Jorge to stabilise in the social services' eyes, Maggie gets pregnant twice more and pays the price. Championing human rights is one thing; championing a baby factory in a severely overpopulated world is another. But this is the only dark shadow in an important film of astonishing emotional force.

Speed stirs a different set of emotions: fear and trembling, the thrill of high velocity and watching things blow up. People get blown up too, though none of the characters is rounded enough to let you take their deaths personally. We are dealing here with cardboard cut-outs, and dramatic fungus scraped from *Airport* disaster movies, plus hoary tales featuring runaway trains, lifts, or other public transport. *Speed*, America's surprise summer box-office hit, is a film forever in motion.



Crissy Rock as the hot-tempered, foul-mouthed Maggie, already pigeonholed by the social services as an unfit mother, and unwisely pregnant for the sixth time

As such, there is little for audiences to do except fasten seat belts and go with the flow. The central chunk takes place on a Los Angeles bus wired to explode if the speed drops below 50mph. Though attaining even 30mph must be an achievement during LA's rush hour, this bus, packed with the usual mixed bag of mankind, careens gaily from freeway to side roads. Kids crossing the road? Someone with a pram? A 50ft gap as the freeway overpass soars in the air? No problem.

Jan de Bont, the skilled Dutch cameraman of *Basic Instinct* and *Die Hard*, directs his first feature with authority. But it is Keanu Reeves who steals the show. Adorned with a crewcut and wads of chewing gum, the actor last seen impersonating Buddha buckles down with a will to he-man duties as the SWAT team's daredevil supreme. Though his voice and expressions seem carved in stone, he leaps between fast-moving vehicles and even crawls under the bus's undercarriage. If Schwarzenegger or Stallone ever want a holiday, Reeves now looks like a viable stand-in.

For the rest, Sandra Bullock nimbly wades through the clichés as the passenger who takes to the wheel once the driver joins the casualty list. Dennis Hopper, however, does nothing special with the role of the demented mastermind responsible for all the chaos: the poor man has clearly played 50 psychos too many.

Crazy behaviour plays a key part in **Bad Boy Bubby**, though Rolf de Heer's extraordinary Australian film, which has been turning heads ever since last year's Venice Film Festival, steers well clear of the usual maniacs.

The opening scenes suggest some pendant to *Eraserhead*. In a windowless slum, Bubby, aged 35, lives cocooned from the industrial wasteland outside by a deranged mother who gives him food, beatings and sex. Disturbed by the arrival of his long-lost father, he wraps clingfilm around his cat, wrecks the apartment, then clingfilms his parents, and ventures through the front door for the first time.

De Heer's declared intent is to use Bubby as a way of reflecting the world's own craziness, its reliance on appearances and codified rules. Bubby knows no rules. Without moral judgments or previous experience, Bubby takes everybody as he finds them: from Salvation Army lasses mad for sex to the rock band who use him as roadie and, ultimately, lead singer.

To catch the intensity of Bubby's new life, de Heer — best known for his science-fiction thriller *Incident at Raven's Gate* — changed his director of photography whenever Bubby visits a fresh location; there are 31 cameramen in all. He also conceived an imaginative soundtrack. But his best expressive tool is his lead actor, Nicholas Hope, who helps to make Bubby's education funny, eerie, tasteless, compassionate, courageous and disturbing. Though the film's ultimate point is not as clear as he imagines, de Heer has created the kind of movie experience no one ever forgets.

In Julio Medem's promising first film, *Vacas*, cows gazed with implacable eyes as Basque family feuds ran their jolting course. Now in its excellent successor, **The Red Squirrel**, that shy but frisky animal quivers in trees at a Basque camp site, dropping occasional pine cones or worse on the heads of characters playing a delectable game of lies and fantasies.

The fun starts with a motorcycle crash. Jota (Nancho Novo), a failed rock musician on the verge of suicide, escorts the attractive amnesiac rider to hospital and gives them both a new lease of life by pretending to be her boyfriend. On to the camp site, where the girl he calls Lisa (Emma Suárez) proves his equal in spinning tall tales, while a dangerous husband puts another spoke in the wheel.

Here for once is a Spanish film that delights in debunking male machismo. Medem's approach is as frisky as his squirrel's; he plays with symbols and juggles moods with a lightness of touch that cheers the heart. Recommended.

Strong magic from the North

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** on *The Magic Flute* in Leeds

IF OPERA North is feeling downhearted at its sudden change — or rather loss — of management, the company certainly wasn't showing it when it launched its season on Tuesday. The opening at the Grand Theatre was in any case something of a challenge, a revival of Annabel Arden's production of the *Flute*, new in the spring and taking the boards with substantially the same cast: so how to make it fresh and interesting?

Easy — ensure that Arden returns to develop her fine staging, engage a new conductor (Harry Bicket) to titivate the musical side, and bear in mind that everything Opera North has done in 16 years has been fresh and interesting. The result was everything a revival should be.

In the case of the production, the virtues are the same: strong sense of narrative, and an atmosphere of adventure and childlike wonder. The Three Boys start the show by opening one of the dusty tomes out of which the whole of Rae Smith's ingenious permanent set is constructed; enter Tamino in an Indiana Jones hat and great-coat, and we are in the very best sense in a comic-book world. There's a wonderful lack of portentousness and didacticism, and no whiff of the lecture theatre. With a little help from Mozart, we do all the work.

Bicket's success may be judged by the fact that playing and singing were significantly better than in April. He has the reputation of being a "period" specialist, but there was nothing in his conducting to suggest this. His tempos were sensible and thoroughly Mozartian, and there was nothing thin-blooded about the expression. The well-balanced, brightly coloured playing of the English Northern Philharmonia gave constant pleasure.

Two performances that had earlier been a little homespun have gained immeasurably in assurance: both William Burden's likeable Tamino and John Rath's earthy Sarastro found firmer sense of musical line without losing any of their individuality. And everyone else was that little bit more at ease — Linda Kitchen's treasurable Pamina, Eileen Hulse's needle-accurate (and musical) Queen of Night, Kate Flowers's glamorous First Lady, and Jonathan Best's slyly humorous Speaker.

The main newcomer was Karl Morgan Daymond as Papageno. A natural deadpan comic, he delivered the dialogue with a delightful Welsh lilt, and never lost sight of the melancholy at the heart of this child of nature. He looks very much the natural heir of Geraint Evans and Thomas Allen in this role.

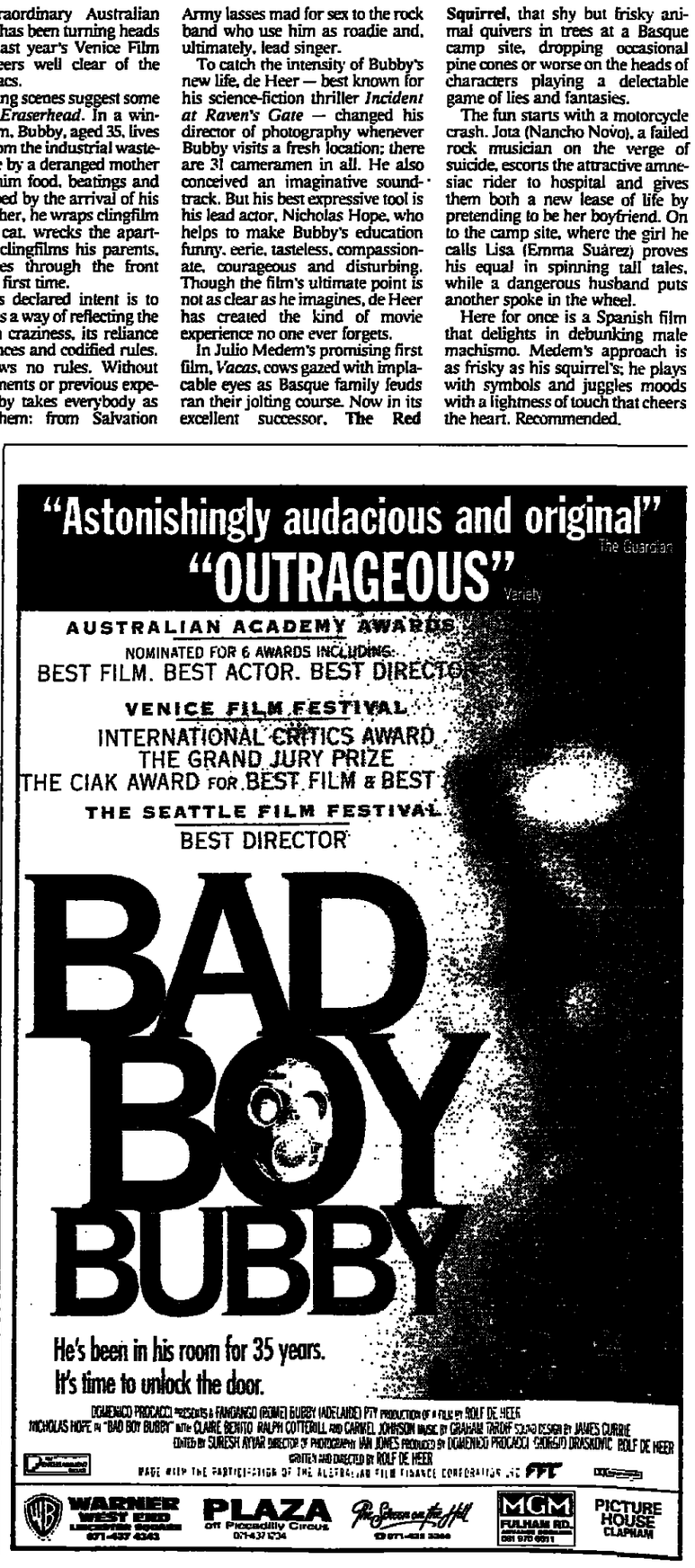
The whole evening was ensemble opera at its best.

DONALD COOPER



Linda Kitchen and Karl Morgan Daymond at their best





TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

TODAY AT THE BARBICAN A triple bill of events to choose from: Michael Bogdanov brings his hugely popular and mightily boisterous production of **The Venetian Twins** to London from last year's Stratford. David Troughton plays both twins in Goldoni's comedy of errors. Ranjit Bolt translates.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews from tonight, 7.15pm, opens Oct 5 ♿
If you don't already have a ticket, you won't be able to help celebrate the **LSO at 90** in person — but you can watch the whole show live on BBC2. Michael Tilson Thomas, Colin Davis and Mstislav Rostropovich share the conducting, Rostropovich and Sarah Chang are the soloists.
For those in a more contemplative mood, **A Bitter Truth, *Avant-Garde Art and the Great War*** also opens today. The ground-breaking exhibition is one which will not be soon forgotten, comprising some 300 works by names that read like a *Who's Who* of early 20th-century artists. The paintings need no captions, the message is the awfulness of war.
Barbican Art Gallery (071-638 4141). Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-6.45pm, Tue, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, 12noon-6.45pm. Until Dec 11 ♿

DEUTSCHE ROMANTIK A block-buster of a festival opens today as German Romanticism takes over the South Bank for a month. The Hayward Gallery starts things off with its exhibition **The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990** and the Purcell Room hosts a one-day symposium on the subject tomorrow. On the music front, soprano Amanda Roocroft joins Franz Welser-Möst and the **London Philharmonic** tonight with a programme of Beethoven, Wagner and Henze. Roger Norrington leads a **Wagner Day** on Saturday. A mini "experience" weekend to give the pictures a musical perspective, it takes in a private viewing at the Hayward.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 ♿ (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm.
Hayward Gallery ♿ (071-928 3144). Daily, 10am-6pm; late night Tue and Wed to 8pm. Until Jan 8.

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH: Kenny Ireland directs Brian Friel's modern classic, **Dancing at Lughnasa**, a memory play of family love, frustration and pagan dance. A collaboration with Dundee Rep, where Ariel Dorfman's *Death and the Maiden* opens tonight (to Oct 15). The works switch places later in October.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay St (031-229 9697). Free preview tonight, 7.45pm; opens Fri. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Oct 8, 12 and 15, 3.15pm ♿

BIRMINGHAM: After much public to-do, it's finally opening night for Richard Dreyfuss's long-awaited **Hamlet**. Russell Boulter takes the title role; Celia Montague is Gertrude and Steven Berkoff plays the voice of the ghost.
Old Rep, Station Street (021-616 1519). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat (from Oct 5), 2.30pm. Until Oct 15.
Also in Birmingham, there are still a very few tickets left for tonight's **Shirley Bassey** extravaganza concert. Always a good show so don't miss out if you like the glitz, the glamour, and *that* voice.
NEC, Junction 6, M42 (021-780 4133). Tonight, 8pm. ♿

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: **London City Ballet** revives Galina Samsova's production of *Giselle* for the season. Samsova herself has rehearsed the leading principals and designs are by Peter Farmer. Vincent Redmon's lively, modern *Counter Balance* opens the evening.
Assembly Hall, Crescent Road (0892 530613). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Japanese Imperial Craftsmen (071-636 1555) **Courtauld**: Conrad Felixmuller (071-873 2526) **National Portrait Gallery**: Master Drawings from the NPG (071-306 0055) . **National Gallery**: Ideas Personified (071-839 3321) **Royal Academy**: The Glory of Venice (071-439 7438) . **Tate**: Turner's Holland, final week (887 8000) **V & A**: Kitaj Prints (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
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☐ **BEAUTIFUL THING**: West End transfer for Jonathan Harvey's award-winning and touching play about teenage love, gay and straight, on a London council estate.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.30pm. ♿

☐ **DANCING ON BLACKWATER**: Chicago-born Bonnie Greer's play for Black Theatre Co-op explores the attempts by two sisters to exorcise the damage done by their mother's death.
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (081-680 4060). Opens tonight, 8pm. Until Oct 16. Tour follows.

◩ **THE MORTAL ASH**: Richard Cameron's shrewd portrait of a Yorkshire family, victims of a hate campaign. Perceptive and warm, well worth seeing.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◩ **NEVILLE'S ISLAND**: Tony Slattery heads a strong cast playing a quartet of businessmen disastrously lost in the fog during a team-building exercise in Lakeland. Jeremy Sams directs Tim Firth's shrewd play.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Now previewing. Tonight-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5pm, 8.30pm. Opens Oct 3.

☐ **900 ONEONTA**: David Beaird's Gothic shock-horror satire of a rotten Southern family steeped in sex and incompetence. Totally over the top but weirdly exhilarating.
Ambassadors, West St, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm.

☐ **THE OFFICIAL TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS**: "Jake" and "Elwood" give two hours of soul, blues and rhythm 'n' blues. Lights, noise, good voices, exhilarating stuff.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-369 1731). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 9pm. Until Oct 29.

◩ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND**: Birmingham Rep's production of the Caribbean musical in which love defies differences of class and shades of colour, aided or thwarted by four gods and goddesses. Terrific island sets, right down to the foyer.
Island (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, off Kingsway, WC2 (071-494 5090). Mon-Fri 8pm; Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm; mat Wed, 3pm ♿

◩ **THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY**: Complex staging of Wilde's famous tale, set partly in the Twenties among members of Wilde's circle. Perhaps too clever to be successful but striking performances by Maria Aitken, Benedict Bates, Bette Bourne and Tim Pigott-Smith.
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until Oct 15. ♿

◩ **POOR SUPER MAN - A PLAY WITH CAPTIONS**: Brad Fraser's latest look at love, sex, death and confusion in the lives of youngish Canadians. Gripping performances, some bold sexual behaviour.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat 4pm. Until Oct 15 ♿

■ **RUTHERFORD AND SON**: Bob Peck plays the implacable father of the firm and head of the family in welcome revival of Githa Sowerby's excellent play, dating from 1912. Katie Mitchell directs.
National, (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Oct 4, 7.30pm; mats Sat and Tue, 2.30pm ♿

☐ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG**: Limited run here for the Greenwich Theatre production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . ◩ **Dead Funny**: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) . ◩ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ◩ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan**: Albery (071-867 1115) ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ☐ **The Miracle Worker**: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) . . . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☐ **St Joan**: Strand (071-930 8800) ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ☐ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) ◩ **The Winslow Boy**: Globe (071-494 5065) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ABRAHAM VALLEY (PG): Veteran Portuguese director Manoel de Oliveira's rarified meditation on *Madame Bovary*, filled with sly wit and beauty.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

BRAINSCAN (18): A CD-ROM game gives a computer nut more than he bargained for. Tame horror movie, with Edward Furlong, Frank Langella and T Ryder Smith. Director, John Flynn.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Odeon Mezzanine** ♿ (0426-915 683)

◆ **CITY SLICKERS II** (12): Overly disjointed sequel to the 1991 hit, with Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Jon Lovitz and Jack Palance. Paul Weiland directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ♿ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

FAUST: Czech surrealist Jan Svankmajer's clever but ultimately tedious treatment of the legend. Live action plus stop-motion animation.
Everyman ♿ (071-435 1525) **ICA** ♿ (071-930 3647)

GETTYSBURG (PG): Marathon TV-style account of the Civil War battles. No point of view, but quite impressive once the armies start fighting. With Jeff Daniels, Tom Berenger and Martin Sheen; Ronald F Maxwell directs.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

CURRENT

BLOWN AWAY (15): Crazed Irish bomber (Tommy Lee Jones) baits bomb squad ace Jeff Bridges. Nasty, talent-wasting trash from Stephen Hopkins.
MGM Trocadero ♿ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. Philip Noyce directs the best Jack Ryan adventure so far.
Barbican ♿ (071-638 8891) **Empire** ♿ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

◆ **COLOR OF NIGHT** (18): Tawdry, unpleasant erotic thriller, with Bruce Willis as a therapist dogged by a murderer. With Jane March; director, Richard Rush.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

◆ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL** (15): Mike Newell's smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell.
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ♿ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG): Hick becomes company boss. Ritzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman.
Barbican ♿ (071-638 8891) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen/Hill** ♿ (071-435 3366)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

◆ **MR JONES** (15): Contrived romantic drama about a manic depressive (Richard Gere) and his doctor (Lena Olin). Director, Mike Figgis.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574)

LE PARFUM D'YVONNE (18): Elegant but empty reverie from French sensualist Patrice Leconte, with Hippolyte Girardot, Jean-Pierre Marielle and Sandra Majani.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

PEEPING TOM (18): Michael Powell's voyeuristic horror film of 1960, alternately clever, dull and unpleasant. With Carl Bohm and Anna Massey.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443)

◆ **TRUE LIES** (15): Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with Jamie Lee Curtis.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15): Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (437 4343)

◆ **WYATT EARP** (12): Over-solemn and reverential epic, with Kevin Costner as the lawman, and Dennis Quaid as Doc Holliday. Lawrence Kasdan directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

THEATRE: A lame tribute to the late Roy Orbison; and rare Tennessee Williams revived

A very small O for originality

Last week it was the Blues Brothers. The week before it was Nat King Cole, and only a short while ago it was Patsy Cline. But this week's famous singer-show is devoted to Roy Orbison. You thought the dialogue in *Patsy Cline* was rubbishy? Boy, you ain't heard nothing until you listen to the sentiment that Shirlie Roden and Jon Miller concoct for the Big O and his loved ones to utter.

The show has been devised by the indefatigable Bill Kenwright, a fan since boyhood, and in the title role we have the Orbison specialist Larry Branson. He is a Canadian who has toured North America for years in

Only the Lonely
Piccadilly

shows where he can sing "Running Scared", "Crawling Back" and the rest of the hits — 27 in all, they say, including the title song, Orbison's first No 1, back in 1960.

He sings quite like him, mostly in the falsetto notes and the growls, and the face is unnervingly similar. He also looks like someone else and it took me a while to place those wide, plump cheeks, the unsmiling mouth, helmet of dark hair and huge black glasses. At last I remembered: it is surely Carlos the Jackal!

Because Orbison scarcely moved a facial muscle on stage — nor off it, to judge from Branson's performance in the domestic scenes — the resemblance to the famous Carlos mug-shots becomes even more striking. Branson doesn't entirely look like a still photograph, but he gets close.

The evening begins, as so often in tribute shows, with the last days. Orbison's only surviving son from his first marriage, young Wesley, is being comforted by a creep in a gold cummerbund, apparently the singer's boyhood friend from Texas. "Your daddy was loved, Wesley, really loved. He eased the pain of broken-hearted lovers all over the world." Later we learn that he was the first singer to teach grown men how to cry.

DONALD COOPER



Is it Roy Orbison, or perhaps Carlos the Jackal? Larry Branson leads the West End cast in *Only the Lonely*

Presumably he himself cried from time to time because, after the death of his first wife Claudette, the gold cummerbund tells Wesley, "he was devastated". Further devastation followed when Claudette's two older boys played unwisely with matches and were burnt to death.

One should not be flippant about the deaths of wife and little ones, but the Roden/Miller approach is so sentimentally solemn that one must harden the heart or collapse giggling. Right from the start a wrecked motorcycle is up there at the back of the stage behind the percussion; after Claudette's crash the bike blazes away throughout Orbison's next weepie. Likewise, when Wesley recalls the fire at grandpa's house, a window is outlined against roaring flames. It's ludicrous.

The first half ends with "It's over", but the show isn't over 'til the fat man dies. Before this happens a string of lookalikes and not-so-lookalikes sing their own hits. If you want to hear cover versions of rock hits, this will be a show for you.

What kind of person was Orbison? OK, he taught grown men how to cry but what went on behind those immobile features? Since this show chooses not to inform us, the Big O remains the big zero.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Williams at his worst

REPORT has it, Tennessee Williams acted, or maybe just behaved, extremely badly when obliged to walk the boards for several performances of *Small Craft Warnings*, his relatively late play about lonely drifters and psychological wrecks washed up in a soak's bar on the Pacific Coast. Not only did Williams, injecting himself with Ritalin at the time, storm about dangerously disregarding his own script, he actually hurled a glass, hotly pursued by his spectacles, into the sea of spectators.

Quentin, the jaded gay, the character Williams later seemed to think he played (rather than the pill-popping doctor), centrally laments his lost ability to feel surprise. At least on that original evening, some hardened theatregoer, a tumbler between his teeth, probably found the inclination to exclaim "my God!" suddenly restored. Roger Haines's current staging, though really not bad, too often elicits a Quentinesque unthrilled "Oh well."

Small Craft Warnings
Library Theatre, Manchester

Now, Michael Packer's portrayal of that part is impressive: neatly acerbic and mutedly camp, a mildly sinister stranger in town who nonetheless proves quietly patient when presumptuously questioned. All the same, Michael Magee's Bobby, the boy Quentin has just picked up, lacks a sense of youthful exhilaration which should set him in contrast to the others.

Melanie Hudson is excellently cast. Mentally shattered, emotionally starved, virtually prostituting herself, her child-like yet soiled Violet teeters about on capsizing high-heel shoes, her body like a weak-stemmed water plant collapsing in upon itself. However, Rosemary McHale, in the lead role as drunken, brawling Leona, is still unsure of her lines. Scrawny but sinewy, she gives a ballsy performance but it needs toning down.

The play itself is a bit of a handful. Haines needs to direct more crisply to carry off the multiple long monologues. There could also be more comedy. That apart, *Small Craft Warnings* is a strong if not subtle contemplation on the bestial or vegetative versus the angelic potential of mankind, on birth and death, on ugliness and beauty. Williams is not at his tautest, writing in 1972 after years of drugs, drink and psychiatric treatment. While the characters never say they are going but keep coming back, one feels the evening could be more compact.

The production is partly to blame. This alcoholic's watering hole, as the landlord says, finally letting sea breeze in before locking up, smells of smoke, liquor and human sweat. Judith Croft's attractive bar-room is too spacious and clean for the sleazy dive where Violet gives unshrinking hand-jobs. The scrubbed boards rightly imply the clientele are all at sea. But their unstable lives are nothing like so shipshape.

KATE BASSETT

DANCE: Film and movement combine well

Good try, cruel world

THE suicide note of a man unable to come to terms with his relationships — that is how I saw *Nerve*, given by Third Estate (a group from Manchester) to open the BAC Theatre's festival of visual theatre.

At BAC, seen intermittently behind a screen, is the man, pacing obsessively from side to side, scribbling, surrounding himself with sheet after sheet of paper. Another embodiment of him is one of four performers on the stage. The screen is also used frequently to project film images that echo, comment on, or extend the action.

The subject, the mixture of stage and film action, and even some of the communally created choreography invite comparison with Mark Murphy's recent *32 feet per second* for the better-known group V-TOL. I do not know which came first, but *Nerve* seems to me the more direct, more successful in its screen technology, and to dig deeper into the characters.

Nerve
BAC, SW11

Our victim, presumably, and some inadequate personality anyway, tries to relate to one of the women. The impression is that they might, although with difficulty, achieve some happiness if another couple did not interfere. The interventions and combinations are complex, but the basic problem is clear enough.

The actual dance element is more rudimentary than could be wished (but isn't that generally true nowadays?); in its context, however, as part of a theatrical portrait of a disastrous friendship, it works well enough. The most striking single element is Jay Arthur's film, which combines sequences of the dancers — usually failing to come to terms with themselves — with shots of flowers opening and closing, clocks running forward and back, to provide its own vivid commentary.

Or, perhaps, it is the way his film interacts with the live action that principally gives the work its impact, which goes beyond the quality of the individual elements to make a dramatic whole. Paul McIlveen, one of the performers, provided the effective soundtrack, and Nadia Molinari directed.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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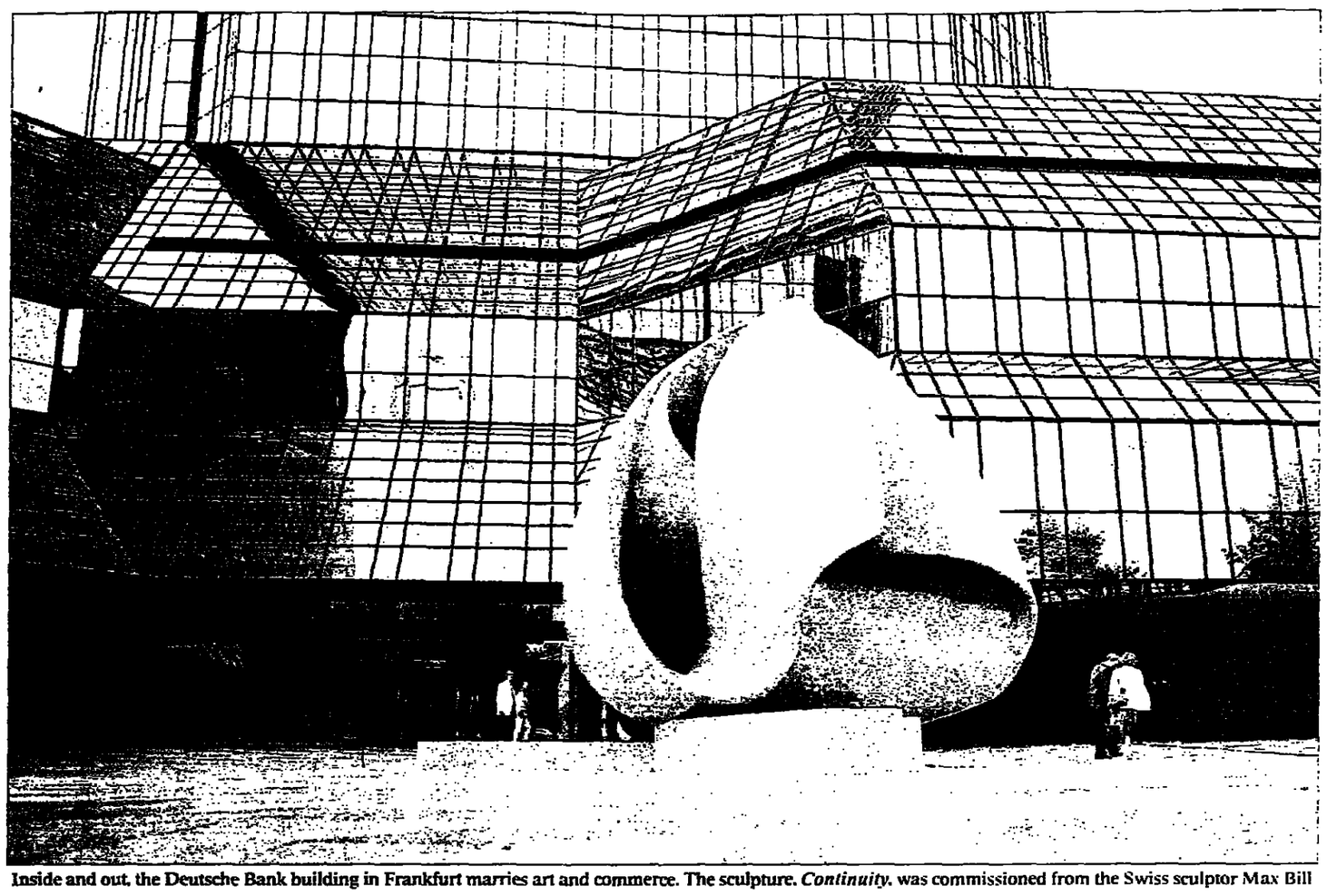
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Dalya Alberge visits the Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt, where art and finance combine in a major postwar collection



Inside and out, the Deutsche Bank building in Frankfurt marries art and commerce. The sculpture, *Continuity*, was commissioned from the Swiss sculptor Max Bill

Were it not for the works of art at the Deutsche Bank's headquarters in Frankfurt, the 1,750 staff at Germany's largest bank would probably never find their way back to their desks. Each of the 40-storey-high twin towers is identical: popping down to the ground-floor canteen or seeking a colleague on another floor might mean getting lost for days. Every one of the monotonously long and narrow corridors, every room, every fixture, was designed with military uniformity. Every level has the same light oak veneer finish and the same carpets: each room has the same furniture and large windows overlooking the city.

But, thanks to the art, every floor has its own distinctive look. Forming an art collection, and devoting entire floors to single artists — virtually all of them postwar artists from German-speaking countries — was an enlightened way of giving identity and character to the interior, as well as a sense of direction and bearing.

Art plays such an important part in the buildings, opened in 1986, that even the buttons in the high-speed lifts are marked with artists' names, as well as floor numbers. Here is an A-Z of artists, from Joseph Albers to Bernd Zimmer. Want the 37th floor? "Joseph Beuys, *bitte*," you say, and you are whizzed up the tower. The older — and better-known — artists come higher up the floor pecking order. Beuys, as one of Germany's leading figures, is up there at the top.

But these permanent one-man shows are not just a lavish sign-posting system. It is, the bank says, "a living history of art since 1945". It is one of the most important collections in its field. In a 1993 study of corporate collecting worldwide, Marjory Jacobson, an arts consultant, described the Deutsche Bank as one of the most visible corporate cultural success stories. This is a collection so large that it is tended by two art historians who scour art fairs, ateliers and galleries for potential purchases. Advisers include directors of public and private galleries.

This autumn, the Deutsche Bank's interest in art will extend beyond its own walls. It is among the sponsors making possible the South Bank's German Romanticism festival, a celebration of German arts from the 18th century to the present day. Many of the 20th-century artists at the Hayward Gallery's exhibition — including Beuys, Anselm Kiefer, Georg Baselitz and Gerhard Richter — are represented at the Deutsche Bank.

The bank's collection is also open to the public. Up to 300 guided tours a year are organised. Among pictures to be seen are a Baselitz (a diptych with upside-down still-life and figure that verge on abstraction); a Kiefer (a huge 1978 work of juxtaposed woodcut portraits of figures in German history from Weber to Heidegger); and a Beuys (photographic images of his 1969 performance in which he sat on a stage with a horse). However, most of the Deutsche Bank's collection is devoted to works on paper — drawings, prints, photographs, collages, watercolours — that offer a revealing insight into the artistic working process. Many are by lesser-known artists.

They were also cheaper to buy — prudent bankers are not known for their lavish spending. Friedhelm Hütte, one of the curators, will not specify the value of the collection, stressing that the bank is not buying for investment. But he did say that it spent nearly £1 million in 18 months, when the building was opened; and revealed that there are some 3,200 works in the Frankfurt towers alone, with 1,000 elsewhere. As he admits to spending an average of some £450 a work, this suggests the collection cost around £1.8 million. Its value is something else. Such is the standing of the Deutsche Bank collection that, once artists enter it, the price of their work rises.

Perhaps it is the staff whose opinion of the art matters most. They live with it day in, day out. Opinion, as you might expect, was divided — but not between those who loved and hated the collection. Most either "quite liked" or hated the collection: none of those to whom I spoke expressed anything nearing real enthusiasm. One or two, when asked what they thought of the works that hung over the desks, peered up at them as if they had never noticed them before. A secretary in the Secretariat's office, who had a brightly-coloured abstract on the wall, said: "I look out of the window . . . I don't notice it." She mentioned that her colleagues never talk about the art.

A colleague dismissed them — "I'd rather have flowers than pictures" — while a banker said: "It's a nice little earner for the bank. Bet you it's down as wallpaper." (In Germany, only works over £350 are taxed). As to a work by Hanne Darboven featuring numbers, people felt that, as they were dealing with figures all day, they could not bear to see them displayed as well, and had turned it to face the wall. Others said that Beuys's *Weekend Suitcase* (a sauce bottle and a copy of Kant inside a case) was a hint that they were expected to work at weekends.

The acquisitions committee never allows anything either erotic or macabre — "Too depressing for anyone working ten hours or more," Hütte said. But several staff members knew what they liked. The decorations they had brought in themselves said it all: postcards and posters of cats and horses. An office in the Financial Institutions department had a poster of Van Gogh's *Cornfield*.

However, staff can choose the works for their own work-places and can even refuse to have anything. More than 60 per cent of the staff do take part. One man welcomed the art, as he could not afford it at home: another, a cost controller, said that it was better than having white walls or work-related papers covering them. A woman who works in Customer Complaints had no complaints about the art, and was pleased with the three works (including black and white semi-figurative woodcuts) she had just chosen for her office. Some men, Hütte said, bring their wives in to help them to decide.

The Deutsche Bank has an enterprising programme designed to involve the staff more closely. Artists come and lecture, and there are special tours for employees. All activities take place towards the end of the day, with food and drink to entice those who might otherwise remember a particularly pressing engagement. An art library has been formed, and informative artists' biographies are displayed.

When the bank moved into its new offices, everyone was given a brochure called "Seeing and Experiencing Modern Art". However, it caused problems, with objections raised to pretentious lines such as: "The real picture is behind the visible one".

But it is not just because the art is contemporary that some object to it in the office. Hütte's opposite number at Chase Manhattan Bank, which led the way in corporate collecting, told him that when he visited Chase's Madrid office he found that staff had put a Goya etching in store and put up a basketball poster instead.

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VAUGHAN Williams's symphonies are not the most exportable of British products as far as the European market is concerned. The composer might have been a pupil of Ravel, but his music speaks only English. So it was perhaps a little provocative of the BBC to choose his Sixth Symphony as the main work in a concert to be heard simultaneously in 30 countries at the beginning of a new season of music for the European Broadcasting Union.

There was no doubt about how much the audience at Warwick Arts Centre appreciated it, even after the most attractive of Prokofiev's piano concertos and the most intelligent of Schoenberg's orchestral works. There is a good chance, moreover, that, in this particular performance by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the rest of Europe found it interesting too. Andrew Davis takes an unrepentantly grim view of the score and, deliberately or not, seems to be making comparisons with Shostakovich's wartime symphonies. Indeed, the occasional echo of Shostakovich suggests that one element in the much-debated inspiration of the work might well have been a reaction to those vehement protests from the Soviet Union.

At least in that respect Vaughan Williams's Sixth Symphony sounded more Russian than Prokofiev's Third Piano Concerto, which is a very appropriate example of a temporary resident's observation of the French culture around him. It was given a duly sophisticated performance by Peter Donohoe, who involved himself most sensitively and skilfully in the piano's relationship with the orchestra — ultimately, perhaps, the most interesting aspect of the score. Certainly, the integration of elaborate textural detail between the pianist and the BBC SO was a constant delight.

It is difficult to find traces of the Mediterranean spirit in the Variations for Orchestra that Schoenberg completed in 1928. It is not an unlyrical or even unsunny work, but the emotions are profoundly introverted and, although it was no doubt with the best will in the world that Davis attempted to bring them to the surface, his affectionate and exquisitely executed interpretation had something incongruously genial about it. But then there is also something incongruous about Schoenberg spending a working summer with Somerset Maugham and the like at Cap Ferrat.

GERALD LARNER

Lessons still to be learnt

LPO/Welser-Möst
Festival Hall

WHAT was wrong with Franz Welser-Möst's Bruckner when I first heard it is still wrong, as he comes to the end of his appointment with the London Philharmonic. That was the evidence presented by this account of Bruckner's Sixth Symphony, although there was a welcome lessening of the self-consciousness that tainted his Bruckner Seventh.

For all his mountainous chunks of sound, few German Romantic symphonists come more subtle than Bruckner. The point is this: the chunks are not a row of identically spectacular pyramids, but form part of a majestically varied landscape, where the peaks vary in height, shape and distance. Fortissimos have to be carefully balanced both with each other and, crucially, within themselves. Here Welser-Möst had the orchestra, and particularly the brass, screaming at us at every slightest opportunity: in this hall that is not a pleasant experience.

Looking at him continues to disconcert. He conducts lavishly when hardly a movement is necessary — and that is frequently at such passages of maximum dynamic and most fervent movement. The result of all this was that the Scherzo sounded like nothing other than an hysterical orgy, which it is not, while the first movement's panicked urgency was totally misplaced. To be fair, Welser-Möst did make a reasonable job of the slow movement, although others blessed with the wisdom of age have sculpted warmer, more tender lines.

Before this the LPO, with a blip too many from the brass section although otherwise in good form throughout, gave Messiaen's *L'Ascension*. Again the problem was the same: instead of drawing the listener into Messiaen's own spiritual world Welser-Möst's purpose was to sell the work at all costs, at least until the final movement, where some sense of static calm was attained.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Winning costs

Hilary Finch on an edgy final to the World Piano Competition

The National Power *World Piano Competition* ended at the Festival Hall on Tuesday night in victory for 19-year-old Evgene Mursky from Uzbekistan. Victory is a strange word to use in the context of music-making, but then music competitions are a strange and troubling phenomenon, disliked, it seems, by all save their organisers and jurors. Still, thanks to the structure and values of our musical society, they are both unavoidable and necessary.

If the grand prize of £10,000 (and the promised concerto performance with the Philharmonia next season) were to be awarded for the final concerto performance alone, there would indeed be cause for concern. Mursky's Tchaikovsky crackled with a high-voltage energy that drew by far the loudest and most excited applause. But the authority of his opening, and the flashing clarity of his octaves were not matched by much willingness to listen either to himself or to the Philharmonia, valiantly accompanying each competitor under the baton of Jean-Claude Casadesus.

Seemingly unaware that the flute would follow in his footsteps, Mursky made little modification in timbre to the descending figures that clustered behind, nor did he seem to be conscious of accompanying the cello in the slow movement.

Judging at this competition, as at the Leeds, takes into consideration, though, performances at each stage of the contest. I was unable to hear Mursky's Chopin, but it clearly impressed the jury enough for it to award him the Chopin Society prize of £500 and a London recital as well.

In just two weeks' time at the Barbican we shall have a chance to hear the second-prize winner, 22-year-old Paul Lewis from Liverpool, whose Rachmaninov Concerto No 3 won him £8,000. This was an elegant, lucid performance in which high musical intelligence was articulated through a sure and mature technique.

During the course of the concerto the pressures of the occasion seemed to turn Lewis's tendency to severity of line and timbre into a somewhat pugilistic energy. The second movement's rubato was too studied, subordinate material nervously over-prominent. This was an archetypal example of musicianship marred by the competitive spirit.

The Brahms D minor Concerto played by the 24-year-old American Jeremy Denk gave me the most pleasure as a single performance. It was clear, though, why he was placed third of the three finalists: the simple eloquence of his lyrical passages, as well as the stamina of his virtuoso playing, were nevertheless of an essentially private nature. This was chamber-musical playing, still waiting for character projection and definition, and more likely to develop and flourish outside the gladiatorial arena.

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Hvorostovsky/ Arkadiev
Wigmore Hall

WHEN June Anderson pulled out of her appearance in the Wigmore Hall's International Festival of Song series — for medical reasons that had nothing to do with her voice, I understand — the slot was quickly filled.

Dmitri Hvorostovsky was no doubt as keen to sing as a capacity audience evidently was to hear him, and any disappointment at missing the American soprano was amply compensated for by the Russian baritone.

The singer kept to his favoured Russian repertory of songs — except, that is, for his solitary encore, the singing, in English, of Purcell's "Music For A While" with a sense of verbal feeling and stylish musical expression that characterised his programme throughout.

He had begun with ten Rachmaninov songs in succession and, despite their prevailing mood of poignant, or even bitter, melancholy, he successfully varied his expressive character to range from the inward thoughts of "Night" to the soaring curve of an almost operatic climax in "I Am Waiting For You" and an impassioned plea of "Again I Am Alone", to which Mikhail Arkadiev added a beautifully touching piano postlude. Indeed, from his long introduction to the first song onwards, the pianist made a distinctive contribution by his sympathetic shading of the different degrees of emotion registered in the music.

When the baritone turned to Shostakovich, and painted with the voice a vivid scene of a remembered meeting at a dance in "The First Encounter", the piano playing enriched the poetry, as it did the sustained fervour of the Pushkin verse in the narrative "Fragment".

All these items led on to Mussorgsky's *Songs and Dances of Death*, in which a possible preference for bass sonority was countered by the singer's skill in colouring his lighter register with a wealth of verbal details, by turns implacable, sinister, bleak and, finally, darkly dominant as Death stalks the battlefield to proclaim himself the only victor in war

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Priestley used to say of himself that he was "as English as steak and kidney pudding". This implies all the characteristics of early 19th-century Englishness, as immortalised by Pickwick or Mr Jorrocks, and it may well be that he felt more comfortable within such a carapace; but in fact, as this entertaining and perceptive memoir testifies, Priestley's Englishness went much further and deeper than that. He recognised as much himself and, in one of his wartime broadcasts on the wireless, he spoke of his "feeling of deep continuity" with the landscape and its people.

That was perhaps one of the reasons why his marriage to Jacquetta Hawkes was such a successful one. She is an archaeologist and pre-historian and, as Diana Collins notes, both partners shared a "sense of the sacredness of life". It is not, of course, the familiar image of "Jack" Priestley as the "bluff Yorkshireman".

He had a happy childhood in Bradford at the turn of the century, went to war and then to Cambridge; already, in his undergraduate aspirations, there was an indication of the energetic and disciplined writer he was to become. Yet he was always more than a hard-working professional set upon a career — at the age of 30, with his father dead and his first wife dying, his emotional life complicated by the presence of a mistress, he saw nothing but misery all around him.

What did he do? He sat down and began to write an essay on the genius of George Meredith and, as he wrote, the words conjured him out of his distress. Five years later, *The Good Companions* emerged. The critics never forgave his success, of course, and he was promptly dismissed as a "popular author" and "entertainer". There is every reason to suppose, however, that great art can be both entertaining and popular. The fact that Priestley also wrote some of the finest prose of the century was presumably not considered important enough to mention.

He was, as he said, a very English writer. His roots were in the theatre and the music-hall, so he turned to the writing of plays; he also possessed a profound sense of place, a quality which makes his *English Journey* one of the better travel books. But these were also aspects of his own private spirituality. "I am not sure", he once wrote, "that the link between Theatre and Religion has been broken for ever", and in his plays his profound sense of the sacred, as well as of the nature of time, found significant expression. "If there is no invisible sphere, no great communion of mind," he suggested, "... why do we seem to move through a haunted world?" This is a true English vision, one shared by Dickens and Burgess, Bronte and Shakespeare, although it is one which has sometimes been obscured by more flashily secular authors.


Priestley and Jacquetta Hawkes: a passion for the past

But Priestley makes up only half of this memoir; the rest is concerned with the life and career of his third wife, Jacquetta Hawkes. There is no reason why she should be remembered as the wife of anyone, however, since her own story is as interesting and as compelling as that of Priestley himself. It started with a childhood adventure when, one night, she began digging in the garden of her house, which had once been part of an Anglo-Saxon cemetery. She discovered nothing, but found within herself a lasting treasure; it was her love of learning, and her passion for the past.

That is perhaps the hidden moral of the whole tale — the great affinity between her and Priestley may have come from an understanding that their springs of inspiration were not located very far apart. The archaeologist must also be an artist in order to retrieve the landscapes of history, just as a good novelist must also have a full and powerful sense of past time. They were engaged in the same activity, after all, and Jacquetta Hawkes puts it very beautifully in an account of her discovery of a Neanderthal skeleton. "I was conscious of this vanished being and myself as part of an unbroken stream of consciousness ... With an imaginative effort it is possible to see the eternal present in which all days, all the seasons of the plain, stand in an enduring unity."

One of the pleasures of this book is to come across passages such as this. In a sense the biography of Jacquetta Hawkes is more interesting than that of her husband. Outwardly Priestley's career conformed to the familiar pattern of a famous writer's life — the speeches, the meetings, visitors taking notes after conversations — but she was something of a pioneer. She was one of the first undergraduates to study archaeology at Cambridge, and went on to become a discoverer in her own field.

It is clear from Diana Collins's account, too, that she was one of the forerunners of that great change which is taking place in all scientific affairs; Jacquetta Hawkes has benefited from the advances of scientific development within her own discipline, but has all the time recognised that a sense of the sacred needs to be restored to science itself. "Let us have the courage to accept," she wrote in words that might almost have come from her husband, "the inner experience that tells us we are something more — and that we may be part of a process that is something much greater still."

The author calls this a "personal memoir" but it avoids the cosiness and cloying sentimentality which are so often part of the genre. She does not hide the faults of either of her subjects, but her own sympathy and understanding of this extraordinary couple do give the narrative an additional vibrancy. She is particularly good on the development of their relationship, which started after the Second World War, and in the process conveys an aspect of Priestley which is as far removed from bluffness as you can get. He ended one communication with "Take this miserable letter, kiss it once, and then burn it."

Diana Collins suggests that Priestley's favourite words were "magic" and "enchantment" — good words for a thoroughly English writer who anticipated "magic realism" by a few decades — and something of their spirit has entered this book. There is a wonderful moment towards the end when Priestley recounts to her a dream — he was in old age but, in this dream, he once more inhabited the body of a young man while remaining his present self and was surrounded by an atmosphere of intense happiness.

What that dream celebrated, he said, "was the defeat of Time". That, in a way, is also the achievement of *Time and the Priestleys*.

One final glorious outing

Bruce Boucher

TIEPOLO AND THE PICTORIAL INTELLIGENCE
By Svetlana Alpers & Michael Baxandall
Yale University Press, £35

Tiepolo: just to write the name conjures up images of vast tracts of frescoed surfaces, diaphanous colours, and a lost classical world more akin to the poet Tasso's *bella età dell'oro* than to antiquity as we now understand it. Often called the last great Venetian painter, Tiepolo was certainly the most expansive in terms of production if also the most restrictive in his frame of reference. He seemed to find everything he needed in the art of Paolo Veronese and husbanded that legacy over five decades and across Europe. Above all, in his great ceilings at Wurzburg and Madrid, Tiepolo sent the creaking machinery of the *ancien regime* scudding across the sky in one final, glorious outing.

This is the image of Tiepolo that we all know and find confirmed in small altarpieces and oil sketches as well as in his larger works. Though he seems so obvious a figure in the history of art, Tiepolo stands outside the conventional traditions of academic painting and exerted little influence on later artists. His work is also relatively free from the weight of critical writing that can encumber our response to great painters. As Svetlana Alpers and Michael Baxandall put it, "instead of trying to tell, Tiepolo shows. And what he shows is not an action."

In his works, there is generally no distinction between centre and periphery, and accepted notions of narrative intelligibility often go by the board. Moreover, the spectator assumes a more active role in reconstituting a fresco's argument from its skein of colouristic impression and foreshortened figures. To prove their point, the authors take us through selected paintings as well as what they call Tiepolo's "instruments of invention" — drawing, paint, and light. Their general account of Tiepolo's creative process is balanced by a final section, consisting of an extended examination of the frescoed ceiling for the staircase in the prince-bishop's palace at Wurzburg.

Balthasar Neumann's monumental staircase and hall at Wurzburg was itself a remarkable piece of engineering, crowned by an elliptical vault 19 metres wide and over five metres high. Its shifting surfaces also resulted in two distinct types of lighting, a more direct, continuous lighting around the concave side walls and a more diffuse, indirect lighting across the depressed vault.

Tiepolo's solution here was to turn the centre of the fresco into a celestial scene of Apollo and his court while the lateral portions became frieze-like processions of the Four Continents. The theme was already dated by 1750, when Tiepolo began work, but he found freedom in convention, transcending it through an instinctive play upon the relationship between the two-dimensional and the three-dimensional across a large and visually fragmented space.

Many of the complexities found in Tiepolo's ceiling frescoes were not so much peculiar to him as to the vogue for ungainly themes in contrived settings; yet he understood that pictorial narrative had as much to do with controlling the conditions of representation as it did with the exposition of a theatrical scene. Alpers and Baxandall have paid Tiepolo the compliment of taking him seriously as an intellect, teasing out indirectly the way in which the artist approached his craft. Though personal and partial, their book conveys in words what Tiepolo expressed through the action of his hand and wrist.


Tiepolo's *The Finding of Moses*, from *The Glory of Venice: Art in the Eighteenth Century* edited by Jane Martineau and Andrew Robinson (Yale, £40/pbk £22.50), a magnificent book which examines the whole range of the arts in Venice and is also a catalogue for the Royal Academy exhibition which runs until December 14

Shades of blue

Fiona Patterson

GOING INTO A DARK HOUSE
By Jane Gardam
Sinclair-Stevenson, £14.99

DEATH and old age and their effect on families, particularly women, are familiar themes for Jane Gardam, whether they are mothers with their sons, or daughters with aged mothers. In these carefully crafted stories Gardam shows us the ageing with the kind of perceptiveness and humour usually found in Barbara Pym. The women seen here are mostly English, usually elderly, often lonely. If they are recognisably relatives of Gardam's earlier characters, then also familiar are their simple, and on occasion, heartbreaking observations: Alison, in "Dead Children", marvelling at her grown-up son, realises that "such a man would have terrified the long-ago small boy".

If Gardam does not experiment, perhaps that is because by now she is aware of her strengths. She can capture loneliness, and everyday pain with a rare gentleness that has come to be expected of her. Also expected is her fascination with ghosts and premonitions. Yet "The Meeting House" is as memorable for its evocation of the atmosphere of Caldthorpe as for the ghosts Gardam is so fond of.

People are as well caught as places. In "Going Into a Dark House," another of Gardam's old ladies, Molly, her rings "weighting down her little claws," says, "I'm smaller. I keep getting them remade but they can't keep pace with me."

Going into a Dark House is a celebration of life. The stories, like delicate tapestries, are alight with colours. The flowers in "Blue Poppies" are "like Cadbury's chocolate papers, the exact shade", in "Zoo-zoo", the trees are "covered in hard knobs, sealing wax beads". This attention to the particular, to texture, scent and colour, gives Gardam's work its authenticity. These stories are made for savouring.

Last blooming of the bohemians

Paul Levy

GOOD COMPANY
Diaries 1967-1970
By Frances Partridge
HarperCollins, £18

The general British reverence for the very old is odd. Frances Partridge, however, has experienced everything interesting this century in the arts, and in science and politics, from the making and dropping of the bomb to the landing of men on the Moon. She witnessed the revolutions in philosophy from Moore and Russell (just before her own time as an undergraduate at Cambridge), to those of Wittgenstein and Oxford analytic philosophy; the change in linguistics wrought by Chomsky; and the transformation of psychology by Freud (she made the index for the Standard Edition).

Not just because she is as old as the century, but because she is thoughtful and curious, her reflections upon the movements and events that have impinged upon her life have their interest for other people. Because she was lucky in her birth, moreover, she was part of one of the fascinating social and artistic currents of the century: Mrs Partridge is the last survivor of the inner-core of the Bloomsbury group. She has always kept a diary, and since 1978 (in *A Pacifist's War*) has published portions of it.

Her diaries would be riveting reading even if the story of her personal life had not been so absorbing and dramatic, and even if she were not the gifted writer (and, perhaps as importantly, astute editor) that she is. In the current volume, though those most celebrated Bloomsbury names — Virginia, Vanessa, Lytton, Carrington, Roger — are long dead, there are still characters whose movements academics will wish to trace and whose doings will amuse, entrance or infuriate the reader.

"Bunny" Garnett falls in love at 70, and drives to Italy at an alarming pace to prove he is still man enough to do it; while Julia Strachey, swallowing an ever-increasing dose of purple hearts, drives everybody crazy to prove to herself that she is still alive. Of course, it is the concrete observation of the everyday and the particular that makes diaries so valuable to the historian, and also so pleasurable to read. But in 1968, Mrs Partridge makes a striking generalisation: "What is left of Bloomsbury tends to treat the practical side of life in two ways — Bunny, Angelica [Garnett], probably Duncan [Grant], Gerald [Brenan], all have a curious liking for dirt and cold, coupled with rich, home-produced satisfaction of sensuous appetites (excellent food, drink, conversation, books, music); whereas the homosexual element ... insist on their comforts and convenience but cannot lift a finger for themselves" and were still dependent — in 1968 — on "good servants".


Partridge: the best company

Admittedly, many of the entries in *Good Company* have to do with the children of her celebrated friends, but we have the reward of Frances Partridge's record of — and the advantage of her perspective on — flower power, hippies and drugs. As a grandmother she was conventionally concerned; but as a Bloomsberry she could not help but admire the streak of bohemianism that in the late 1960s led her small grand-daughter to live in "a big tent, with five horses and a cart", her mother, four young men, a goat and a dog.

Though she is approaching her century, and though she has had the pain and grief of outliving both her husband and her only child, Frances Partridge has never lived in the past. The pressures on her to do so began with the publication of Michael Holroyd's life of Lytton Strachey in 1967 and continued through the terrifying prospect of Ken Russell making the film of the book. Now, less frighteningly, Christopher Hampton is doing just that.

Her husband, Ralph, has never had a good press. Gerald Brenan seems to have been responsible for the portrayal of him as wimpish and dim, a view perpetuated in Holroyd's book probably for narrative reasons — the love story of Lytton and Carrington requires a dramatic foil. As *Good Company* makes clear, it is cruel that part of your own life should be a literary property; but the years have made Frances Partridge brave and good-humoured, if not tough.

A fine translator, a great diarist, a prolific reviewer (for *The Spectator*), recently a fashion model (for Issy Miyake), she is a national treasure and to her friends (of whom I am lucky to be one), an affectionate companion and a great conversationalist — the best company there is.

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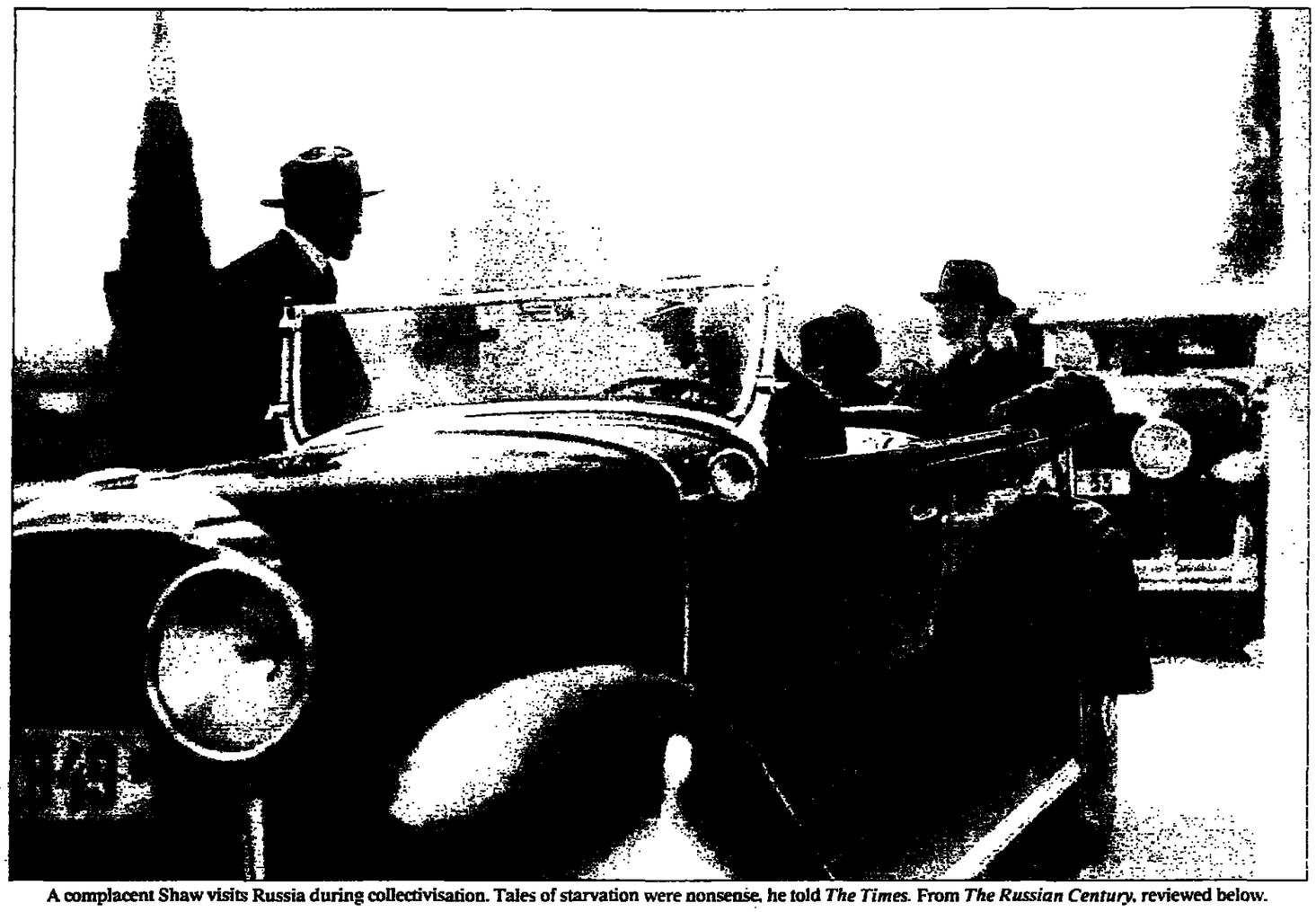
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Zhirinovsky the sinister buffoon

Norman Stone finds the sayings of Russia's "Liberal Democrat" leader strongly reminiscent of *Mein Kampf*



A complacent Shaw visits Russia during collectivisation. Tales of starvation were nonsense, he told *The Times*. From *The Russian Century*, reviewed below.

You can have fun teasing liberals, and here is a good examination question: "Why was Vladimir Zhirinovsky's 'Liberal Democratic Party' the only one with such a name to obtain a quarter of the vote, in a universal-suffrage election, in the 20th century?" For so, in 1993, it turned out, whereas for the past 100 years all other such parties did very badly: the loftier the aims, the worse the results. Now, even the ultra-goody-goody German Free Democrats might vanish at the next election. Zhirinovsky uses the title "Liberal Democratic" as a sort of crude joke. He sounds, sometimes, like Hitler.

The discomfiture of Russia's various liberals and reformers, confronted with Zhirinovsky's electoral success last year, was quite satisfactory. There they were, in and out of western embassies, with large cars, taking pride in the spread of Benetton ads in Moscow, and confident of victory. They had to cancel the television victory-parade as the news came in, that a huge mass of the electorate had voted for the "Liberal Democrats". *What* was this about?

ZHIRINOVSKY
The Little Black Book
By Graham Frazer and George Lancelle
Penguin, £5.99 pbk original

COMRADE CRIMINAL
By Stephen Handelman
Michael Joseph, £16.99

THE RUSSIAN CENTURY
By Brian Moynahan
Chatto & Windus, £30

For Zhirinovsky's ideas are rather Hitlerian. Frazer and Lancelle, have compiled his sayings. They are saloon-bar stuff, a sort of Slavonic *Steptoe and Son*: small peoples, e.g. the Balts, should recognise the greatness of Russia, or their lights will be turned out; the Caucasus is filled with bandits; Russia needs a warm sea and should expand to the south against the Moslems (though Zhirinovsky sends volunteers to help Saddam Hussein); the Turks stink. He told *Die Welt* last January: "One day a Greater Germany, a new Russia and India will form a new *entente*. Then there will be no problems in the world. India and Russia will neutralise China; Russia and Germany can control Europe."

However, the fact is that Zhirinovsky has read some books and had some thoughts. It is the latest version of quite an old Russian idea — Asiatstvo, meaning that Russia should look east, in the east, turning her back on the smug and meaningless western world. The best-known exponent of this line was Leontiev, a century ago, but it all amounts to a version of *Mein Kampf*, complete with crude but not ill-informed generalisations.

Thanks to inter-parliamentary and European bodies, Zhirinovsky can go trotting round the world on expenses, kicking up trouble. Like Hitler, he can fill his party's coffers with fees for his own speeches, whereas his rivals in public are boring. Like Hitler, he produces great simplicities, and, like Hitler, he appeals to a considerable strain within his own electorate. In his case, it is sinister buffoonery, a feature of Russian life, even with Peter the Great and the elder Karamazov.

And he is, in the end, quite helpful to the political establishment. Just as its pre-Hitler German equivalent could always turn to the West and demand concessions, threatening the Nazis as alternative, so the present-day Russian establishment can threaten the West with Zhirinovsky. The trick is working well: now, at last, quite a bit of western money is going into Russia, though, as we know, a great part of it comes straight out again — some of it in the form of houses in Holland Park. Unfortunately, Frazer and Lancelle do not ask the question: *cui bono?* of Zhirinovsky's success, though they acknowledge that, in the past, he had his KGB associations.

Whatever the case, he did better than any of his rivals in the elections, and the elections, though cosmetically well-organised, were certainly not as free as most western observers rather absurdly said at the time: it was later admitted that nine million extra ballot-papers had been manufactured, and Yeltsin got his authoritarian constitution through with various fancy methods. Nevertheless, whatever the element of manipulation behind the emergence of Zhirinovsky, you are still left with the question: what did so many Russians, especially young ones, vote for him?

Two books, each in their way very good, explain the background. Stephen Handelman, a Canadian journalist, discusses the matter of crime in Russia today. *Comrade Criminal* is a long, long catalogue of woe. In the days of Brezhnev, the centrally planned economy trained people, at all levels, in fraud: only they could not be open about it, and warfare of criminal gangs did not take to the streets.

Now, with privatisation and free markets, these criminals have surfaced: every day there is a killing and protection money and bribery have shot ahead. Handelman does not analyse these things, but he describes them with greater force and [illegible] than other books. Mother Russia just was not a capitalist, liberal, Protestant, hygienic place, which Frazer and Lancelle tend to suggest.

These questions are vast, but a good introduction to them is in Brian Moynahan's *The Russian Century*. It is a photographic account, the images are brilliantly chosen and (to me at least) mainly new. They are also well juxtaposed. The will-o'-the wisp promise of Tsarist Russia before 1914 is shown. At that time, Russia seemed to be learning "capitalism", and there was a substantial bourgeoisie in Moscow (here well shown with gents around samovars). There was also parliamentary politics, of a sort. Obviously a Prime Minister of those times was right when he said: "give Russia 20 years of internal and external peace, and you will not recognise Russia". Then came the war of 1914 (the photographs here could, I think, have been better) and the overthrow of everything.

Fortunately, we now have Richard Pipes's two-volume history of the Bolshevik Revolution, and do not need to repeat ancient pieties about it. Moynahan, in his accompanying text, of course does not repeat them and everything that follows is condemned. On one page, a smug-looking G B Shaw rides around Moscow, saying there is no famine, while on the previous page, peasants are shown with hunks of human flesh. The horrible dystopia goes on until with Gorbachev it meets its end. Gorbachev is, here, dismissed as more or less a fool, cocooned by the world of Soviet privilege to adopt notions of fantastical unreality as to how "reform Communism" might proceed.

I wish that Moynahan had included a missing chapter: the next ten years. At the moment, *no-one* seems to have the slightest idea as to what they will bring. Dissolution of the country into separate grand-dukedoms, with Siberia sliding off into eastern orbit? Just chaos? Zhirinovsky and a sort of Red-Brown Milosevic on an enormous scale? Or a true federal, parliamentary state, complete with the rule of law, as the West would like, and as optimists in 1913 imagined? Somehow, I do not think that we have heard the last, whether of Handelman's crooks or of Zhirinovsky.

A perfect schoolmaster



Lord Longford: feels he belongs to the world of public morality

Stephen Tumim

AVOWED INTENT
An Autobiography
By Lord Longford
Little Brown, £18.99

Peter Stanford's recent life of Lord Longford portrayed a Don Quixote tilting at windmills, and a Tolstoy struggling towards a remote railway station. Lord Longford's present autobiography — he has written four of them over the years — *Avowed Intent*, turns him into a character from one of Peacock's novels; a "humour" with a set of sharp opinions governing every move of his life. "All philosophers who find", quoted Peacock in *Headlong Hall*, "Some favourite system to their mind, In every point to make it fit, Will force all nature to submit."

But in this work of his old age Lord Longford is as much concerned to reconcile as to expound directly a view of life. He is recollecting his friends and colleagues, and commenting upon them.

Who are they all? When young, he moved largely among the Tory grand, stopping at Taplow Court, Hatfield and Cliveden. He was the protege of F E Smith and Lady Astor. He has anecdotes of Baldwin, Mosley and Buchan. His early friends included David Cecil, Waugh, Betjeman, Anthony Powell and Maurice Bowra.

His pre-war life centred on Oxford, seat of his religious and political conversions. He adopts those remarkable words of respect for Oxford which Gladstone delivered on his death-bed: "There is no message of Christian goodwill that I would rather receive than one from the ancient University of Oxford, the God-fearing, God-sustaining University of Oxford. I have served here, mistakenly perhaps, to the best of my ability. My heartfelt prayers are hers, to the uttermost and to the last." But he also tells of F E Smith's comment to John Buchan, when told he could not be Chancellor: "What Oxford requires at this crisis of her fortunes, my dear John, is a decorous facade. That, unfortunately, I am unable to provide."

Lord Longford has never himself been equipped with a decorous facade. He was thoroughly clumsy, couldn't drive a car, fell off horses, upset the King by his choice of political party, and later adopted the cause of prisoners — Myra Hindley, Frank Beck and Dennis Nilsen — who were nationally detested. It is not somehow surprising that when Attlee invited him to be First Lord of the Admiralty, he blurted out, "I feel I am too eccentric," and then promptly accepted the offer. Candour has certain advantages even in politics. When he was appointed to another Ministerial office, the *Observer* said of him: "Two things only are certain. If he falls he will confess to failure. And if he is impeded he will resign."

After politics, his public energies have been devoted mainly to penal reform. There is no pressure group, no organisation for the betterment of prisons that does not owe much of its spirit to him. "I am described," he writes, "as penal reformer; and certainly, if two words are going to be used about me after my death, I am happy that those should be the two."

Although he writes enthusiastically enough here of all his concerns, of his shock at Danish pornography and of his ineffectiveness as a party policy maker, it is when he returns to the prisons that he seems most useful and clear. In his trilogy of prison books, *Punishment and the Punished*, *Prisoner or Patient*, and *Young Offenders*, he sets out more fully the doctrine of redemption, and the need in a civilized society for just punishment. But in a memoir of this kind he is able to provide an easy commentary. As always, Lord Longford likes to teach. "He is the ideal schoolmaster," wrote Raymond Mortimer. "He will always find something to like and encourage in the most unattractive and unpopular of boys." In President De Valera, Lord Longford finds "The greatest statesman I have ever met." Attlee is described as "an ethical giant with a distinctly cryptic attitude to Christianity." (When asked whether he was a Christian, Attlee apparently replied: "Accept the Christian ethic, can't stand the mumbo-jumbo.")

It is the didactic streak which makes up most of the fun, but with Lord Longford there is an ability unusual among teachers to laugh at himself. After he had visited Lady Moseley in hospital, he records her as saying: "It was so sweet and faithful of Frank to come. He thinks I am Myra Hindley."

Lord Longford has known almost everyone in public life for the last 70 years. He has little concern with music, painting or nature, but clearly retains the closest interest in the world where he feels he belongs, that of public morality. As he approaches 90 he expresses himself as clearly and passionately as ever and continues to provide one of the more cheering and permanent aspects of the House of Lords.

Not at all a gay Gordon

Ian McIntyre

UMBRELLA
A Pacific Tale
By Ferdinand Mount
Heinemann, £9.99



Mount: wit, elegance and style

Text books on English literature devote little space to the novella. Reviewers in this country, if they pay attention at all, display a mixture of testiness and unease. What have we here? A short story with ideas above its station? A novel that has run out of puff? The general inclination is to dismiss it as something best left to foreigners — a sort of literary equivalent of a man's handbag.

Just occasionally, of course, at a dinner party, one might encounter an Italophile Rip Van Winkle, rabbiting on in his wrinkly way about the brilliance and economy of the *genre* in the hands of Boccaccio, deploring its decline after the death of Bandello in the 16th century; but that's real old Third Programme stuff (don't you think?) and one would turn with relief (would one not?) to one's other neighbour — whose latest blockbuster was currently being puffed on the chat shows.

To revive the form obviously requires a spirited effort by a man of parts. Who better than the present editor of the *TLS*? Ferdinand Mount calls himself a journalist, but the description is economical. He has, it is true, written in his day for *The Times* and the *Telegraph* (and for the *Mail* and the *Sketch* for that matter), although not many hacks are Etonians nowadays, and fewer still third baronets. This particular one is the author of a book on the British constitution and of the novel which won the 1992 Hawthornden Prize: Sir Ferdinand, as he likes not to be called, also lived dangerously for a year in the 1980s as the head of Mrs Thatcher's Policy Unit.

The central character of *Umbrella* surveyed the view from the top of the greasy pole, too, although briefly. The "bright Scottish button eyes" that gaze disdainfully from the Lawrence portrait on the cover are those of George Gordon, 4th Earl of Aberdeen, probably Queen Victoria's unluckiest Prime Minister and certainly her unhappiest.

"You have only to give your attention to any subject," the Iron Duke wrote admiringly, "to do it better than others." When Aberdeen died, this paper wrote that "out of office he had more authority than half the Cabinet". For his funeral at Stanmore, the Queen sent the state coach, with its six horses and postillions and grooms in dress liveries.

Aberdeen's political misfortunes flowed from his temperament, which would not allow him to be a party man. Foreign Secretary for seven years, he was Prime Minister only for two before he was broken by the Crimean War. "He could not bluster to save his life," writes Ferdinand Mount. "He was the St Stephen of the mass media, the first martyr."

Mount's interest embraces both affairs of state and the Job-like miseries of Aberdeen's private life — the loss of his first wife; his extravagant mourning, and its disastrous effect on the second Countess; her death and that of his much-loved daughters — which brought all his old grief flooding back "as if it had been merely pent in a sullen millpond waiting for the clank of the sluice-gates."

Classic forms, like any other, require raw material. *Je prends mon bien où je le trouve*, wrote Racine, and Mount acknowledges frankly that he has quarried the only two modern biographies of Aberdeen, drawing particularly, I would think, on the *Life* published in 1978 by Lucille Iremonger.

Discriminating wordsmith that he is, he allows himself some verbal idiosyncracies. How, for instance, does a man stand at ease. "legs akimbo", as he has the Earl of Stanley do in the betting room at Newmarket? I've been attempting it, and am in need of osteopathy. My only other reservation concerns the last chapter. I remember being not totally convinced by the way Mount rounded off his novel *The Clique* in 1978, and wonder if endings are a bit of a bugbear. *Umbrella* has two, and I thought the poignancy of the first more effective than the ingenuity of the second.

More than once in these brief pages I was reminded of *The Ragged Lion*, Alan Massie's recent subtle evocation of Sir Walter Scott. Ostensibly an imaginative biographical sketch of an historical character, *Umbrella* can also be read as a reflection on the stubbornly cyclical nature of politics. During his premiership, Aberdeen's mind ranges back to "the pink and white and ochre mosques and spires of Bosnia where he had wandered when young: the heathery hills of Ireland; the holy places of Palestine . . . these earthquake zones of the civilised world in which a slumbrous peace could be shattered in a day because they lay above the fault lines in human history."

Mount can capture a personality, or a cast of mind, in one spare phrase. Pitt's niece, Hester Stanhope, is "that queer, tall, shrieking, brilliant macaw of a girl." When Aberdeen goes north as a young man to claim his inheritance he is received at Haddo by his man of affairs, Mr Crombie. "Ye'll have had a long journey," says that dour retainer — a form of greeting, writes Mount, which constituted "the nearest approach to effusiveness permitted in Aberdeenshire."

Anyone for wit? Anyone for elegance? Anyone for style? The novella is back.

A sad train of events

Samantha Weinberg

BLOOD ON THE TRACKS
A Rail Journey from Angola to Mozambique
By Miles Bredin
Picador, £15.99

CECIL John Rhodes had a dream: he would build a railroad which would stretch the length and breadth of Africa, joining the Cape to Cairo, the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic, and opening up the heart of darkness to the "civilising influences" of Europe and trade. He managed to fulfil only part of his dream and two years ago, exactly a century after work on the railway began, journalist Miles Bredin and Harriet Logan, an award-winning photographer, set out to travel on the completed east to west coast track: from Benguela in Angola to Beira, Mozambique.

These two countries have been in a state of almost constant civil war for the past three decades. Bredin must have had some inkling of what he was up against but the actuality of the trip can only have surpassed his wildest nightmares.

They arrived in Angola in time to get caught up in a post-election gun battle, which they narrowly escaped by driving along a pavement and up some steps. They were evacuated to Saõ Tome, from where they made their way to Zaire, arriving just in time to catch the violent fall-out from President Mobutu's disastrous efforts at paying the army with discredited Zaire notes. Again, they had to make a rapid getaway, this time with the aid of Benoit, an enormous Belgian special forces operative turned evangelical missionary. "Beyond our range of vision lay the great river and the jungle of Zaire, the mineral wealth, the fertile land and the forgotten people of the interior," Bredin writes, as he comes into sight of the friendly Zambian border. "It was the best view I'd had of Zaire — receding in the rearview mirror."

The journey, as it progresses through slightly tamer Zambia and Zimbabwe to Mozambique, is written of in this light-hearted vein. Bredin has the special gift of describing mind-numbing atrocities with humour and style and without, importantly, diminishing the power of what he has seen.

The result is an immensely enjoyable story. Heartbreaking, funny, intelligent, and illustrated by Logan's — sadly too few — powerful photographs, it is the best book I have read about Africa for some time and an impressive first-time travel book. But to call it a travelogue is misleading: Bredin and Logan only make it onto a train halfway through and then, initially, only for an 11-hour trip that takes an hour and a half by car. It is part comedy of errors, part a serious insight into post-colonial Africa, a continent which, much like the railway, is decaying and rotting to the lowest common point of human misery.

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David Loshak reports on a hospital which plans to invest £8 million to stay at the forefront of the independent sector

Charity begins at hospital

Founded in 1932 by a group of medical consultants, general practitioners and businessmen, The London Clinic today cares for 50,000 patients and carries out 8,500 operations each year. Admission is made via referral to a consultant by a patient's GP.

The founders saw the need for a first-class, fully equipped but affordable hospital for patients of moderate means. Now, Malcolm Miller, house governor and chief executive, says: "The prime aim of The London Clinic, as a charity hospital, is to provide the best of private treatment at the best-possible price. We focus not on low price but on quality of service. That affects not just the clinical aspects, particularly nursing, but also areas such as catering and accommodation.

"Unlike our for-profit counterparts, we do not have shareholders requiring a return on their investment but, as a charity, we do have tax-free status. That enables us to reinvest any surplus from our £30 million annual turnover. Next year, we plan to invest £8 million. That will keep us at the forefront of the independent sector in terms of medical advance and management efficiency.

"When the clinic opened in 1932," Mr Miller explains, "it was described in the press as 'a revolution in the character of nursing homes'. It was modelled on the Mayo Clinic in America and is, in its way, a fully fledged community hospital in that patients come here throughout their lives. Nurses and other staff also tend to stay with us for a long time.

"This is partly because we place a lot of emphasis on education and training, and give them wide and varying responsibilities, but also because we are a charity, and not commercial. We celebrated our diamond jubilee in 1982 by launching a fund to provide free treatment to National Health Service patients who would otherwise face long delays."

So far the clinic has treated a number of elderly Londoners needing surgery for cataracts. Mr Miller sees this charitable status as vital for the future of healthcare in Britain. The clinic shares information and facilities with other charity providers and they use their joint buying power to reduce costs. "It is crucial that this type of networking continues, if only to lessen the threat from the profit operators. Charges have more than trebled in the past decade, which is a good reason to fight for the survival of the charity sector."

The clinic has 171 single bedrooms, five operating theatres, units for intensive care, progressive care and day surgery, and computerised tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanners. The minimal-invasive therapy unit employs keyhole surgery to treat common illnesses. It is designed to minimise trauma, scarring and length of stay in hospital.

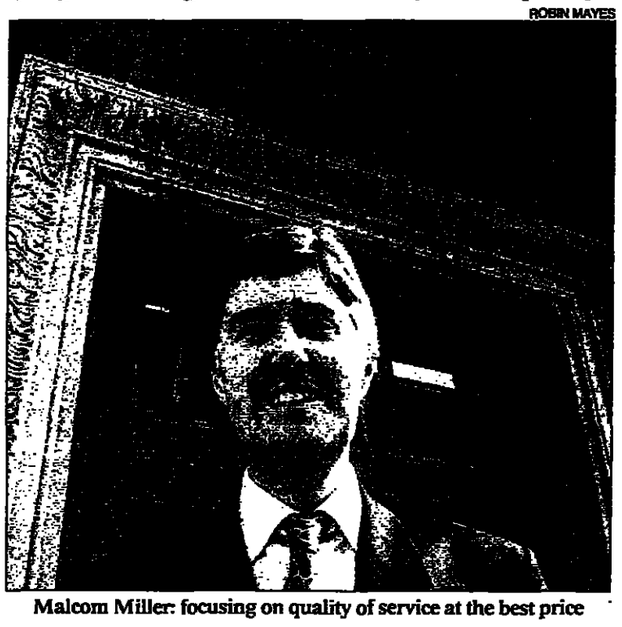
The clinic's departments include oncology, cardiology, ophthalmology, urology, plastic surgery, gynaecology, oral and maxillofacial surgery and orthopaedics. Specialised units include endoscopy, radiography, (including mammography and ultrasound), pathology and pharmacy.

It also has a new service seeking to counter back pain in women. Convinced that a multi-disciplinary approach can resolve many problems, it has a team, headed by a consultant spinal surgeon, which includes specialists in orthopaedics, neurosurgery, neurology, gynaecology and pain management. The unit offers dietary advice, physiotherapy, manipulation and hormone-replacement therapy, as well as surgery.

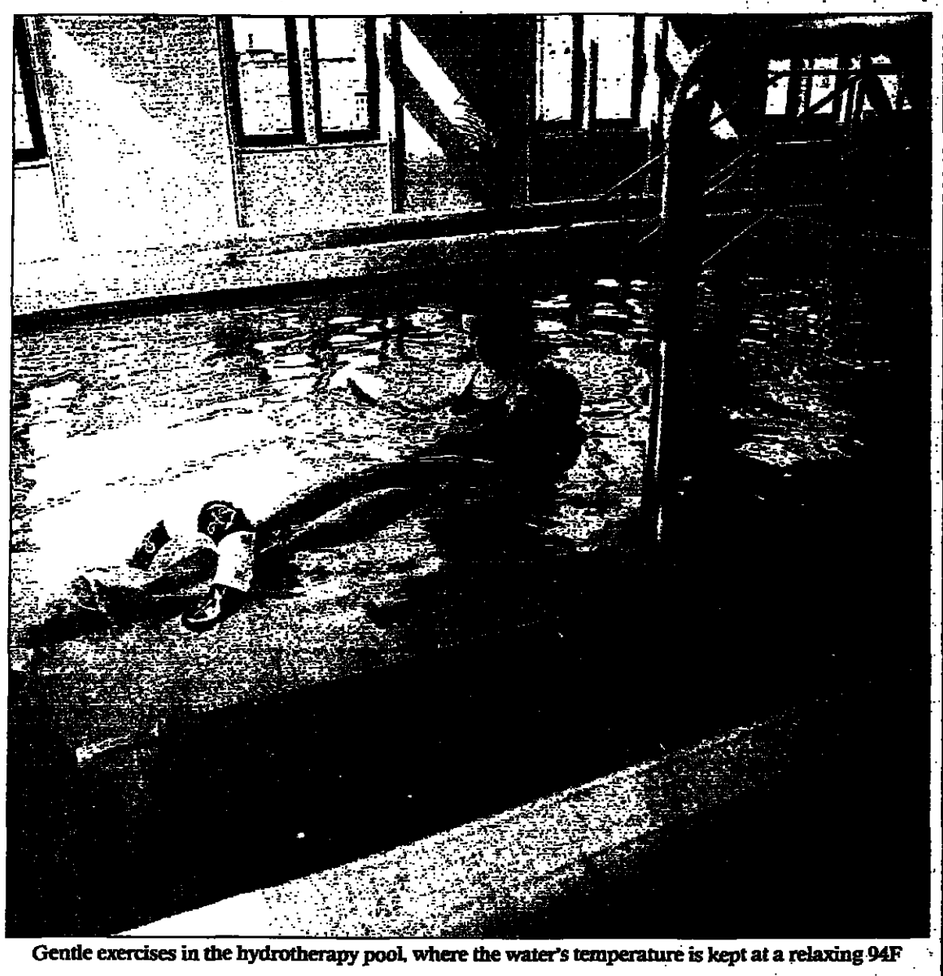
The pathology department supports the clinic's own acute beds and its 40 adjoining consulting suites. It is also open to outside doctors and organisations. This unit and its laboratories bring together a full range of services on site — biochemistry, haematology, histopathology and cytology, microbiology and out-patient services provided by consultant pathologists, laboratory scientific officers and phlebotomists.

Physiotherapy facilities include a hydrotherapy pool and treatment rooms equipped for electrotherapy, traction, acupuncture, laser treatments and manual therapy. The gymnasium's range of equipment includes an isokinetic exerciser, which prints out an analysis of the user's muscle. There is also a five-station multi-gym which offers fitness checks for those considering strenuous sports or skiing holidays.

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Gentle exercises in the hydrotherapy pool, where the water's temperature is kept at a relaxing 94F

Getting back into the swim of life

Hydrotherapy treatment is often used in the early stages of a patient's rehabilitation

Hydrotherapy, first used by the Romans, has gone in and out of fashion through the centuries. Today it is considered to be a tried and tested procedure to help patients to regain mobility and confidence, and hydrotherapy pools have been installed in many hospitals.

At The London Clinic the large pool is situated in a light and spacious environment, with the water heated to a relaxing 94F. Floating in this warmth gives the patient great relief from pain, and, with the positive approach of the hydrotherapist, a feeling that maybe they can achieve movements they were scared to attempt.

The hydrotherapy pool is staffed by a team of three chartered physiotherapists, specialising in hydrotherapy. During treatment, a hydrotherapist remains in the water with the patient and three helpers assist in movement of patients in and out of the pool.

Patricia George is the clinic's chief physiotherapist. "For the early stages of rehabilitation, after an operation such as a hip-replacement or back surgery, hydrotherapy is the preferred form of treatment," she says. "Being the least taxing way to strengthen muscles it is, of course, of great benefit to weak or disabled patients. It is good for mobilising joints, knees, hips or shoulders, and of particular benefit to those with back problems."

After a total hip-replacement operation, a patient can expect to be out of bed within a couple of days, if only on crutches. At this stage physiotherapy would be limited to gentle exercises, probably by the bed. About six or seven days after the operation hydrotherapy treatment could begin, when the range of hip movement could to be increased without fear of dislocation.

The treatment is ideal for the extremely painful condition of frozen shoulder, where the arm cannot be raised above shoulder level. Within 24 hours of the shoulder being manipulated by the surgeon, the patient would be referred to hydrotherapy where movement could be gradually increased by a series of exercises. They are designed not only to increase mobility but also to make patients feel good that they are participating in their recovery.

ROS DRINKWATER

Early action for benefits in the long term

Screening can pinpoint areas of concern which should be treated

Preventive medicine has a clear aim: to detect risk factors for disease and, where possible, to decrease the risk of developing serious illness. This is where health screening comes in.

It can provide early evidence of existing disease and can pinpoint areas where action taken now can forestall development of the disease. At The London Clinic emphasis is placed on the latter.

"In all health screening, the major factor is consultation and clinical experience," says Dr Jack Tinker, a consultant physician. The clinic ensures that confidential interviews are carried out by a clinical consultant and that test results are viewed and reported on by specialists in their fields. Dr Tinker is, at present, dean of postgraduate medicine for North Thames Health Authority and will become medical director of the clinic.

Basic screenings, depending on what is included, cost from £220 upwards, although companies may arrange special contract rates. For individuals, a full health screen costs £330 and includes consultation; physical examination; chest X-ray; 12-lead electrocardiogram; lung function tests; blood profile; biochemical profile to check liver and kidney function, uric acid, cholesterol and blood sugar levels; urine tests; and audiogram. For women there is an additional cervical smear costing £26 and, for those over 50, a mammography is available for an extra £65.

An additional facility, offered for £110, is the Cherne variance cardiograph which, because it operates at a higher frequency level, may show up heart abnormalities earlier. "Theoretically, this could be a better non-invasive way of detecting ischaemic heart disease at an earlier stage," Dr Tinker says. "One has to see it in the context of, for instance, family history, lipids, hypertension, and cigarette smoking — all the risk factors. It has potential for helping earlier detection but, as I see it, it still requires further evaluation," he adds.

The London Clinic's female spine service, established two months ago under the guidance of John O'Brien, a consultant spinal surgeon, aims to diagnose the reasons behind back pain.

Mr O'Brien says that two-thirds of back-pain sufferers in Britain are women, but this often did not show up in official statistics which, for example, related back pain to days lost at work. "In the past women were told that it was just life and that they had to grin and bear it," he says.

Diagnosis is difficult, he adds, as back pain may show up elsewhere in the body and not all problems are revealed by scans. Patients have had difficulty in getting appropriate advice; some have been told it is psychological. "People I have seen have been really quite disabled. Many have had interesting patterns of referred pain — in the groin, leg, knee, stomach and chest — originating in the back. It is a very easy area for misdiagnosis," Mr O'Brien says.

Remedial treatment varies from diet to physiotherapy and, in a few cases, surgery. Mr O'Brien's intention is to disseminate the information gained from his patients at the clinic to the wider medical field.

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Rosalyn Gordon performs a variance cardiograph

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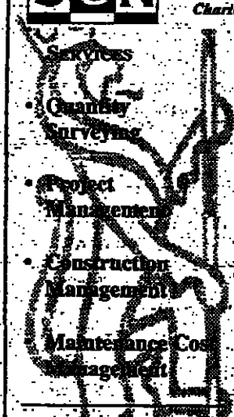
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A familiar face to help you get well

The clinic prefers patients to be cared for by the same nurse throughout their stay

In the midst of today's high-technology medicine and advances in therapeutic knowledge, one aspect of being in hospital has changed little over the years — the need for caring nurses. It is not only medical standards but also the quality of nursing which leaves a lasting impression on patients. And, often, it is the little things that count. More than doctors, nurses are the people who attend to the patient's needs 24 hours a day.

The London Clinic has more than 200 fully trained nurses permanently on staff and trained in the specialty in which they are working. It has long believed in the principle of assigning nurses to particular rooms so that they get to know their patients and so that patients are not faced with a fresh face every time they need care.

"The clinic was always set up with nurses working in partnership, so you had two day nurses and a night nurse looking after a certain number of rooms on a certain specialty," Betty Boden, the matron of the clinic, says.

Although today's nurses work a 35-hour week, also attend courses, take holidays and are sometimes ill themselves, the clinic follows as far as possible the concept of the same nurses being with the same patients throughout their stay. "The principle is that we follow you through," Miss Boden says. Night nurses work seven days on and seven days off, so are likely to be with their patients all the time they are in hospital, the average stay being just under five days.

The combination of medical facilities and good standards of nursing are what attracts consultant medical staff to admit their patients to a particular hospital. Nurses are paid at rates comparable to the National Health Service, although allowances may differ, and they are supplied with uniforms.

In addition, the clinic has a nurses' home for up to 100 staff, an important consideration in the capital where accommodation can be very expensive. It rarely requires all of the places and therefore regularly offers about 30 to staff at St Bartholomew's School of Nursing at the same rates.

Emphasis is placed on continuing education, allowing nurses time off and providing courses to enhance their skills: two senior nursing staff work full-time in education and development — Steve Partridge, the education facilitator, and Anna Steven, the education co-ordinator. The clinic is also recognised as a training establishment for nursing students: here again it has links with the St Bartholomew's school.

Miss Boden says: "As nurses, we are part of the profession as a whole. We all recognise, as the profession does, that the basis of good nursing is educational development. That is the key — that makes it work at the bedside."

PAT BLAIR

ROBIN MAYES



Lasting impression: Betty Boden, the matron, at the nursing station

At the leading edge

The hospital's state of the art equipment is a testament to its advanced outlook

When The London Clinic was built, its foundations were placed on a concrete bed padded with felt to protect it against vibrations from the street, *David Loshak writes*. From the start, its policy has been to make patients as comfortable as possible.

While the clinic's quiet rooms, nice beds, good food and television make patients physically comfortable, what counts most is the inner comfort of knowing that they are getting the best possible treatment. Hence the clinic's technologically advanced array of lasers, scanners, imagers, endoscopes and much other state of the art equipment.

DENZIL MCNEELANCE



Soozie Williams, a patient, with Dr Peter Gravett and Sister Geraldine Gleeson and the Kobe "Spectra" cell separator

Its continuing endeavour to stay at the leading edge of medical technology has recently led the clinic to install a Kobe "Spectra" cell separator, for conditions such as breast, ovary and other tumours.

Studies at specialised centres had suggested that the outlook for young women with "bad risk" forms of cancer might be greatly improved by giving them high doses of anti-cancer drugs.

It was thought that as the drugs also wipe out bone marrow, some bone marrow cells should be "harvested" — frozen and stored until ready to be put back through a peripheral vein to proliferate and repopulate the marrow. Unfortunately, the procedure proved unacceptably toxic, with many life-threatening side-effects. The Spectra separator, however, overcomes this by harvesting stem cells from the peripheral blood rather than the bone marrow.

This fresh approach promises to be significantly safer despite the high doses of chemotherapy, and is no less effective. Although its efficacy has still to be established, feasibility studies have been encouraging and the technique will be further tested.

Soozie Williams, a former Bart's nurse now living in Shropshire, has recently received the new treatment for secondary cancer in the liver, having been conventionally treated for breast cancer six years ago. "After four megadoses of chemotherapy, the most recent in June, I do seem to be clear of the cancer so far," she says. "I have nothing but praise for Dr Len Price, my consultant, and for the treatment. Even though it has been extremely debilitating, it has given me everything to hope for."

Compared with cancer, snoring may seem trivial. In extreme cases, however, it may be a symptom of sleep apnoea, a condition which can be as serious as epilepsy. Heavy snoring can affect all age groups from small children to the very old.

David Garfield Davies, The London Clinic's specialist sleep disorder consultant, urges problem snorers to seek medical advice. Research has shown that when the snoring stops, so momentarily may breathing, perhaps as often as 900 times a night. This can deprive the brain of oxygen, affect the production of growth hormones in children and, more commonly, cause disabling daytime tiredness in adults.

> One of the first to adopt new methods

The consequences can be severe. Drowsiness is responsible for thousands of machinery and motor accidents and is second only to alcohol as a contributor to deaths on the roads. Most at risk are those who are overweight, unfit, heavy drinkers or have a collar size over 17. Mr Garfield Davies says. Simple home remedies can be effective, such as avoiding alcohol in the evening.

Sufferers should also take a cue from the animal kingdom and not sleep on their backs: most of the 200 anti-snoring devices on the market do not work but a tennis ball in a pocket sewn on the back of the pyjama jacket can do the trick.

The clinic was also the first hospital in London to adopt a new technique to cure snoring — LAUP, or laser assisted uvulo palatoplasty — when Mr Garfield Davies carried out an operation in July. Performed under a local anaesthetic, LAUP takes only 20 to 30 minutes. A third of patients are cured at the first attempt, but most need two to four treatments.

These two examples highlight the medical innovations which the clinic has introduced. It clearly intends to stay in the vanguard of healthcare.

Non-invasive techniques are supplanting major surgery

Looking inside the body

The concept of something outside the body being able to disintegrate something inside the body once seemed pure science fiction, *Ros Drinkwater writes*. In 1984, a team headed by the urologist J. E. A. Wickham did just that when it became the first in Britain to use lithotripsy for the removal of kidney stones.

The lithotripter is a machine which, by the use of shock waves, causes the disintegration of kidney stones. A non-invasive technique, it requires no anaesthetic and about 90 per cent of patients arrive at the clinic, have a 40 to 60-minute session, and go back to work.

In 1987, Mr Wickham moved his unit to The London Clinic. Since then, it has developed to include a variety of procedures using the most modern surgical, optical, laser and video techniques. Sister Julie Haddow, a member of Mr Wickham's original team, manages the minimal-invasive therapy unit and day surgery. "There is now minimal invasive therapy across the entire spectrum of surgery," she says.

Certain innovative techniques such as laparoscopy, where a laser replaces a scalpel, have come in for criticism in the past. Sister Haddow puts this down to the teething troubles of what is technically an extremely difficult procedure.

"Twenty years ago most medical procedures were shrouded in mystery — the surgeon knew best. Today, the public — partly due to the number of medical programmes on television — is well informed and is liable to ask how experienced a surgeon is before agreeing to a particular procedure. That's as it should be. Here at The London Clinic every surgeon undergoes a rigorous vetting to ensure his competence."

Probably the most extraordinary of all medical television programmes was the documentary some years ago that charted the progress of a camera inside the human body. Endoscopy literally means "looking in" and is a technique whereby diagnosis is made by observing a video recording made by a tiny camera swallowed by the patient.



A finger is compared to a tiny camera gastroscope

At the clinic, the endoscopy unit provides a diagnostic and therapeutic service including procedures such as the removal of foreign bodies, polyps or bile stones.

Dr Christopher Williams, specialist consultant physician in gastrointestinal endoscopy, describes it as a miraculous technique. "In skilled hands it takes five to ten seconds to insert. Once it's down, there is no sensation — think of swallowing a small cocktail sausage without chewing it. The examination lasts no more than two to three minutes. Most patients watch the TV screen while it is being done."

A British invention, the procedure was pioneered in America in 1960 and was first used in Britain in 1969. At that time, it was regarded as fairly traumatic. This is no longer the case thanks to the new generation of flexible endoscopes. The treatment has begun to supplant the use of X-rays. "X-rays are good," Dr Williams says, "but we have colour and see a 30 to 40 times magnification and if there is any doubt we can take biopsies. The only negative is that the equipment is expensive and those with the right skills are relatively few."

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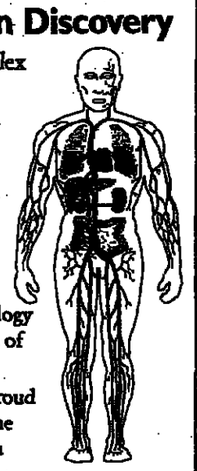
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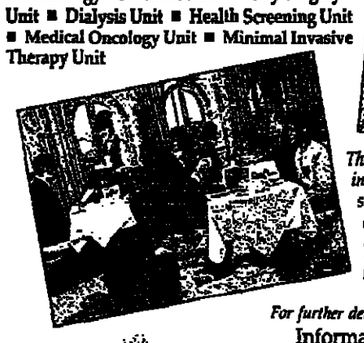
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Sutton first and third in opening event at Horse of the Year Show

Consistent Zakatak gets just reward

MARC ASPLAND



Sutton and Wessex Zakatak clear an upright on their way to victory in the EPD National Grade A Championship at Wembley yesterday

By Jenny MacArthur

IT WAS a case of "blink and you'll miss it" for the opening event of the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley yesterday when the EPD National Grade A Championship, involving just five horses, was all over in less time than it took to build the colourful course.

Paul Sutton, who won the event comfortably on Wessex Zakatak and was also third on Wessex Fields of Athenry, blamed the proximity of the International Masters at Glasgow last weekend which had attracted several of the horses qualified for yesterday's event, including Michael Whitaker's Everest Elton and Alison Bradley's Endeavour.

In any field, though, the Cheshire-based Sutton, aged 28, would have been hard to beat. A frustrating refusal at the Tower Bridge fence on Wessex Fields of Athenry had sharpened Sutton's resolve for Wessex Zakatak, who was last to go. The ten-year-old grey gelding jumped almost casually round the ten fences to finish 1½ seconds ahead of Geoff Glazzard on It's The Business.

The Irish-bred Zakatak, bought by Sutton from Steven Hadley four years ago, has not won any significant titles but his consistency has kept him at the forefront of the sport. He was fifth in the King George V Gold Cup at Hickstead this year and fourth in the Olympia Grand Prix two years ago. Sutton's aim now is to qualify him for this year's Olympia in December.

Later, Paul Barker, the 16-year-old son of the former British Olympic rider, David Boston Barker, bowed out of pony classes in style when he and Mailstreet Mystic won the Daily Mail Christy's Championship for the leading junior show jumper of the year.

Barker, who is trained by his mother, Lynne, was runner-up last year — but never looked like settling for second place yesterday. Eight of the 31-strong field jumped clear over Bob Ellis's big but fair course to reach the timed jump-off. Louise Whitaker, the 14-year-old daughter of the international show jumper, John, just failed to qualify when she lowered a pole at fence five.

In the jump-off the favourites, Ross McDonald and Mr Polo, the winners of a team gold medal at the European Ponies Championships in Belgium last weekend, took an early lead in what looked a fast 31.09sec. Barker, told by his parents to "go fast and keep turning" swiftly put that time in perspective with a dashing 28.93.

As Barker, who has now left school to work with horses on his father's Yorkshire farm, moves on to senior competition, McDonald, aged 15, has to fit in another year of competition with his schooling. He attends Radcliffe College in Leicester but has been absent for the last two weeks competing. "They don't mind as long as I win," he said.

Several of the riders appeared to be intimidated by Wembley's daunting arena and some of the ponies were clearly overfaced. In the less frenetic atmosphere of the show ring, Jayne Hutchinson's outstanding small show hunter, Smallprint, the winner of more than 90 classes, won the Small Show Hunter of the Year event ahead of Ann Rowlands's The Magic Smartie.

☐ The British Horse Society has served a six-month notice on the British Show Jumping Association of its intention to dissolve their partnership in the British Equestrian Federation. The decision, announced yesterday, was reached after the BSJA failed to come to an agreement with the BHS sporting disciplines over the administration and proposed constitutional changes to the British Equestrian Federation.

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Champions on the move as stadium delay forces switch

The loss of one of the world's best hockey tournaments is yet another setback for the game here. Sydney Friskin reports

English hockey yesterday suffered another blow when the Hockey Association (HA) announced it was forfeiting the right to stage the prestigious Champions Trophy next year. The HA has informed the International Hockey Federation (FIH) that although the work on the proposed national hockey centre at Milton Keynes is about to begin it would not be completed in time to host the tournament, which features the world's top six countries, next September.

The delays in starting work on the stadium have been caused by difficulties in funding — including several weeks lost through obtaining necessary government approval of the Sports Council's grant of £1.5 million — and the HA said it did not wish to remain committed to hosting an important event with uncertainty surrounding the completion date.

This is the second time that England's attempt to stage this tournament, second in importance only to the World Cup, has failed. The plan to run it in 1993 was also scrapped because there was no hope of the proposed national stadium being built then.

Etienne Glichitch, the president of the FIH, however, was still waiting yesterday for official confirmation that England had forfeited the right to run the tournament. He said it was likely that an alternative venue would be not be considered before the FIH Congress in November. No other countries had made firm bids for the 1995 tournament but it is believed that Germany, Japan and Malaysia are interested now. India will stage the 18th Champions Trophy in 1996.

The forfeiture of the Champions Trophy is another blow to hockey in England. The men's national league has started with no sponsor and the HA having to charge the 36 clubs taking part an entry fee of £1,500. They have been invoiced for half this sum with the promise that if a sponsor prepared to match the previous Pizza Express package of £100,000 a year is found the position will be reviewed.

But not only is the flagship competition of English men's hockey facing such a problem. Other national events, including the HA Cup, the indoor club championship and the HA Youth Cup have also lost financial support. It is the same in the women's game. The euphoria which followed the Olympic gold medal triumph of 1988 is long over.

A game with as high a profile should be an attractive commodity to sell, yet it is not enjoying any success despite the weekly televising of league and cup matches last season by Sky Sports.

There are about 800 men's hockey clubs in England with 2,500 teams with a playing strength of 50,000. Impressive as they are, these figures have not recently been supported by success in the international field to which the lack of enthusiasm from sponsors may be attributable. Overall, England stand third in Europe, fifth in the world with Britain holding sixth position in the Olympic Games.

The women's disappointing ninth place at the World Cup in Dublin in July has not helped. They also lack sponsorship for the national league, the AEWHA Cup and the traditional annual international match. Much may depend on what the men achieve in their World Cup in Sydney, Australia, in December.

The formalities complete, work will start on Monday on the construction of the stadium at Milton Keynes now designed for a permanent seating capacity of 4,000 in two grandstands, 3,000 in a covered area and 1,000 in uncovered territory. The original design was for 6,000 capacity. However, temporary stands can be erected to accommodate a total of 10,000 spectators and more if necessary. The HA, in conjunction with the All England Women's Hockey Association, plans to hold a pre-Olympic tournament at the stadium in the spring of 1996. The junior World Cup will also be held at this venue in 1997.

England add extra dimension to hooker's expertise



Moore: technician

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

WANTED: Potential England hookers, players of 6ft and 16st preferred, vacancy occurs within two years, apply Twickenham. That is not, of course, quite how the England rugby union team management worded its letter to the country's top 40 clubs and four divisions but the effect is the same.

When it comes to player development, rugby union in England is hindered by an innate conservatism. There is a recurring distrust of young players who may not have "served their time" in senior club rugby: teenage players in Wales move through far more swiftly than in England.

Nowhere is there any equivalent to Australia's Institute of Sport, which identifies young talent across the broad sporting spectrum and turns out players capable of holding their own in international competition by the time they are 20. Witness the success of the Australia rugby team last summer with a back division full of fresh faces.

"We have to fast-track players," John Elliott, the England selector who also manages the national under-21 side and was an England reserve hooker in his playing days, said. "Our experience with Simon Shaw [the Bristol lock] in South Africa proved that."

There is an alarming lack of depth in various positions in the England senior team, including hooker, where Brian Moore, the incumbent, is 32 and Graham Dawe, his deputy, is 35. While Australia can pluck forth a Phil Kearns (6ft and nearly 17st) and New Zealand a Norman Hewitt (5ft 10in, 17st), both powerful runners who can break tackles, England are still producing smaller skilled technicians in the mould of the traditional hookers of the 1960s and 1970s.

Hence Elliott's letter to the clubs asking them to help to identify potential hookers of the required dimensions and ambition. Eleven have turned up so far, the second batch of five on Tuesday night at squad training at Marlow, ready for assessment by Phil Keith-Roach, the former Rosslyn Park hooker, who will conduct specialised clinics on behalf of the Rugby Football Union.

"You look at people like Kearns, Hewitt, James Dalton in Transvaal — they're people who take the ball forward, very strong in the legs," Elliott said. "We are not developing that sort of player. It may take two or three years to get the message across but we have to sow the seed. We are not saying necessarily that big is beautiful but we have identified particular skills the modern player should have in the position."

SPORTS LETTERS

Gerulaitis illuminated tennis

From Mr David Whitehead

Sir, May I add a personal comment to the tributes to Vitas Gerulaitis (September 20), as the organiser of his last two visits here to play in the 1992 Wirral Masters and the 1993 Challenge Cup in Dublin.

Everyone who came to know Vitas was captivated by his enthusiasm and commitment which lit up any gathering: whether you were a close friend or meeting him for the first time, he always made you smile with that very individual New York humour.

In recent years he took up golf with the same enthusiasm he played his tennis, playing in pro-am celebrity tournaments, often dashing over to his playing partner to give support on a particular shot.

The Vitas Gerulaitis Foundation was operated in the same manner but had a much more serious intent. He provided thousands of underprivileged youth with free tennis rackets and, together with his late father, gave his time to coach and encourage New York children by holding tennis clinics in Central Park.

Together with his friend John McEnroe, he staged an annual benefit to raise funds for a variety of good caues, including the Special Olympics, and was always available to give something back to the sport he illuminated with such excitement and generosity of nature.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WHITEHEAD,
Seniors Tour Director,
International Thirty Fives,
86 Devonport,
Radnor Place, W2.

Qualification needs raising

From Mr R. Chadwick

Sir, A revision of the qualifications of ten wickets and six completed innings for inclusion in the final first-class cricket averages (September 21) is long overdue.

This season we have the ridiculous situation of K. J. Barnett, a batsman, heading the bowling averages, having bowled only 54 overs, taken 13 wickets yet played in 15 matches. The second in the list, C. E. L. Ambrose, has bowled ten times the number of overs, taken six times as many wickets and played in 14 matches.

In batting the position is not as bad but nevertheless the qualification is too low. Any batsman who, barring injury, completes only six innings in a season should not be regarded as a first-class batsman.

Whilst acknowledgement of the players' efforts could be recorded, they should not be in a national table. Their achievements should be as a postcript headed "also bowled" or "also batted".

Yours faithfully,
R. CHADWICK,
27 Whitworth Drive,
Radcliffe-on-Trent,
Nottinghamshire.

United should field same side

From Mr J. McDermott

Sir, I note from Peter Ball's article (September 23) about Manchester United's selection of a virtual reserve team for a Coca-Cola Cup tie — which was only announced when the fans of Port Vale had paid out for their tickets — that the "big boys" of the Premier League are alleged to be in full support of United's choice.

The way to stop this occurring would be to make them field the same team for the second leg at home and see how many United fans would like to pay top prices for their seats when they can see them every other week for practically nothing. You can bet your life that, other commitments or not, United will have their stars on parade to please their own fans and to make sure they do not lose.

The spirit shown by the self-centred, so-called big clubs, if not checked, will destroy the game in this country. Everyone who supports the smaller teams always looks forward to a game against the great names.

Yours faithfully,
J. McDERMOTT,
16 Alexander Drive,
Heswall, Wirral.

Changing the law

From Mr N. L. B. Stevenson

Sir, I read Mr R. S. Thornton's letter (September 22) about revising the lbw law with rising astonishment.

I play in the Thames Valley League and many of the pitches are somewhat loaded in favour of the bowlers. With his law enforced I imagine I would have spent most of the season being out lbw instead of twice in nearly 40 innings.

With the ball seaming and swinging in English conditions and many Asian pitches turning square, batsmen might as well not bother trying to establish themselves but try to slog their way out of trouble. Is this really how we want cricket to degenerate?

Yours faithfully,
N. L. B. STEVENSON,
16 Evelyn Gardens,
Richmond, Surrey.

From Mr Nigel Payne

Sir, Mr Thornton's letter raises a further question: what is the merit of a leg-bye? The batsman has failed to make contact and yet is often rewarded, a strange logic. Byes, in contrast, rightly penalise poor bowling or wicketkeeping.

Yours faithfully,
N. H. PAYNE,
10 Park Crescent,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

County benefit

From Mr J. D. Ledgard

Sir, Has Mr Riley (Sports Letters, September 22) considered whether Warwickshire may not have actually benefited by the lack of attention paid to their cricketers by the England selectors this season?

Surely, the remarkable achievements by this "magnificent team" were exactly that, an outstanding team effort, helped in no small way by not having the side depleted by Test match and one-day international duties.

Perhaps it would be interesting to speculate what might have happened if those key players, whom Mr Riley and others would like to see playing for England, had been unavailable to play for the county on numerous occasions?

Yours faithfully,
J. D. LEDGARD,
Roebuck Cottage,
Binfield, Berkshire.

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Secret service

From Mr D. J. Watkins

Sir, Is it possible that the Rugby Football Union are secretly funding the rugby league code to buy up dangerous Welsh opponents?

Yours most sincerely,
DAI WATKINS,
4 Faro Close,
Bickley,
Kent.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

CATAPAN

(c) A catapan was a senior officer in the Eastern Roman Empire, having the authority to undertake commitments without reference to Constantinople. The Catapan of Bari in southern Italy lost the city to the Normans in 1071 and thereafter none was appointed.

CARL

(a) A House-Carl(e) was the Norse equivalent of the Saxon Thegn and formed the royal bodyguard in battle. The most famous Carls were King Harold's Anglo-Danish Carls who defeated and killed King Harald of Norway at Stamford Bridge in 1066 and marched straight from York to Hastings in a few days, only to fight desperately and die unfortunately. If Harold had waited, and Edwin and Morcar had done their duty, history would have been different.

HUNKY PUNK

(c) A Somerset dialect word for a non-water-conducting gargoyle set as an impractical and demotic ornament on churches and other stately buildings. Origin muddy but jocular and internally rhyming. "Stop pulling tha damnable faces, old fellow, lessen thou wants to be tayken for a nasty hunky punk."

AA

(a) and (b) The name of a river in France, also of one in Switzerland and two in Germany. It is also the name for a stream or watercourse in Old English, with cognates in Old Norse and Latin *aqua*; *Munimenta of Magdalen College*, Oxford, 1430: "Communis sewere vocat' *le Seventowne Aa*."

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ENGLEFIELD

THUNDERER

1.55 Jet Classic. 2.25 Ajwad. 2.55 Tommy Cooper. 3.30 Tonka. 4.00 Clara Peeters. 4.30 Proton. 5.00 Blanchland.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
2.55 ARTIC COURIER (nap). 3.30 Faherna.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.55 HARVEST HOME MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,899: 5f) (11 runners)

1	206	CEMAES BAY 30 J Berry 9-0		J.Carroll 4
2	0	CROWDED AVENUE 16 P Makin 9-0		B Thomsen 3
3	0000	JOHN BARLEYCORN 19 (V) R Curtis 9-0		D Wright (5) 5
4		ELLY FLEETFOOT T Mills 8-9		Dean McKeown 9
5	400	GUARDED EXPRESSION 17 (B) M McCormack 8-6		G Hind 7
6		JET CLASSIC M Pipe(ott 8-9		G Duffield 10
7	24	LA SUQUET 131 (BF) M Channon 8-9		R Hughes 1
8	0	MAERSK ACE 47 J Bridger 8-9		A Tinkler 8
9		MAYDAAN B Hanbury 8-9		R Cochrane 2
10	00	SAILORS MOON 9 H Collingridge 8-9		C Hawksley (5) 11
11	3050	YOUNG ROSE 10 Pat Mitchell 8-9		A Clark 6

3-1 Jet Classic, 4-1 Cemaes Bay, 9-2 La Suquet, 6-1 Maydaan, 10-1 Elly Fleetfoot, Crowded Avenue, Guarded Expression, 12-1 others.

2.25 EBF SLEEPING PARTNER MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,272: 6f) (12)

1		AJWAD P Walwyn 9-0		R Cochrane 10
2	5	ASTON MANOR 9 R Hannon 9-0		Mark Denaro (7) 12
3		CHARLIE SILLETT B Hills 9-0		B Thomsen 6
4	0	EASTERN APPROACHES 29 L Cottrell 9-0		M Perrett 11
5		FLYPAST J Gosden 9-0		G Hind 7
6	0	NORDUNES 84 (B) R Armstrong 9-0		R Price 9
7		BELLA COOLA C Horgan 8-9		T Williams 5
8	650	GONE PROFESSIONAL 65 D Elsworth 8-9		D Harrison 1
9		HADDEYAH H Thomson Jones 8-9		N Carlisle 4
10		LA THUILE M Usher 8-9		J Williams 2
11	4	SOLIANNA 19 M Channon 8-9		R Hughes 3
12	8	STOLEN MELODY 103 R Boss 8-9		G Duffield 9

2-1 Flypast, 4-1 Aston Manor, 6-1 Ajwad, 7-1 Charlie Sillett, 8-1 Haddeyah, 10-1 Soliana, 12-1 others.

2.55 McCALL GROUP MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,553: 1m 6f) (14)

1	04	ATOURS 23 D Elsworth 8-9		J Williams 5
2	-	GINUS A BUCK 5224 D Elsworth 11-9		A Procter (5) 13
3	023-	HOSTILE WITKESS 167 J P Hodgar 4-9		J Carroll 8
4	0054	LAJADHAL 79 (V) K Bishop 5-9		N Carlisle 2
5	5/	MALAVA 2063 J Old 4-9		G Duffield 3
6	3262	ARTIC COURIER 30 (B) D Cosgrove 8-8		R Cochrane 7
7	0	ERETAN 12 T Thomson Jones 5-8		Dean McKeown 12
8	5000	PROFESSION 15 G Enright 5-8		M Perrett 6
9	6050	ROMAN RHYTHM 17 (B) H Candy 5-8		S Dawson 14
10	0-	TARMUZ 427 Lady Herries 5-8		D Harrison 10
11	6244	TOMMY COOPER 27 Mrs B Waring 5-8		R Price 1
12	50	DEERLET 23 (V) J Gosden 5-6		G Hind 11
13		MARJMEL J Eyre 5-6		F Norton 4
14	4	PORTE DES ILES 99 P Chapple-Hyam 5-6		R Havlin (7) 6

3-1 Artic Courier, 4-1 Deerlet, 5-1 Atours, 6-1 Porte Des Iles, 10-1 others.

3.30 WITTENBORG CELEBRATION NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,600: 7f) (16)

1	0003	EMPHATIC CANDIDATE 21 R Akehurst 9-7		D Harrison 15
2	P425	POLLY GARTER 37 R Hannon 9-5		B Thomsen 1
3	3001	TONKA 8 (D,S) D Murray Smith 9-2 (7ex)		A Mackay 13
4	4502	FAHEMA 16 R Boss 8-1		G Duffield 6
5	2513	KINGS VISION 8 (D,S) B Pothwell 8-13		J Stack (5) 9
6	0404	DUNGEON DANCER 14 (D,BF,P) M Channon 8-12		R Hughes 12
7	000	JEWEL TRADER 34 C Boutsaud 8-9		J Williams 5
8	0030	BONITA 44 Mrs L Piggott 8-8		L Piggott 14
9	5006	NAUTICAL JEWEL 23 (V) M Usher 8-8		C Adamson (7) 10
10	0000	ROMANTIC FOLLY 44 (S) B Meehan 8-8		J Carroll 16
11	000	KIROV PROTEGE 24 R Armstrong 8-7		R Price 3
12	3053	SAINT AMIGO 12 J Eyre 8-7		T Williams 4
13	000	PLUCKY PET 16 C Boutsaud 8-2		C Avery 11
14	050	TIROLLAC 20 (B) L Cottrell 8-1		W Carlisle 7
15	000	JOINT PROSPECT 31 C Elsey 7-13		F Norton 9
16	000	MISS TOFFEE NOSE 21 D Cosgrove 7-8		N Adams 2

3-1 Tonka, 9-2 Faherna, 7-1 Kings Vision, 8-1 Emphatic Candidate, 10-1 Polly Garter, 12-1 Saint Amigo, 14-1 others.

4.00 BLETCHINGLY CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,381: 6f) (16)

1	04	FORTUNES LEAP 8 R Simpson 9-7		B Thomsen 12
2	00	ABACO PRINCE 15 P Cole 9-3		M Tebbutt 8
3	0000	POLYLANE 98 (B,F,S) W Mike 8-1		R Cochrane 7
4	1615	NOOR EL HOUDAH 12 (BF,C,D,F,S) J Berry 8-10		J Carroll 2
5	0	ROYAL RABBIT 15 G L Moore 8-9		B Rouse 3
6		MORE BILLS A Moore 8-7		Candy Morris 4
7	0000	CHANCE ME 10 W Haggas 8-5		B Russell (5) 5
8	0	AIR OF MYSTERY 21 J Spearing 8-4		G Hind 6
9	2204	CLARA PEETERS 75 (BF) P Cole 8-4		A Clark 13
10		HONZA STORY W Jarvis 8-4		Dean McKeown 11
11	00	LADY WOODSTOCK 28 B Millman 8-4		A Mackay 14
12	3330	MARIPOSA LILY 10 (V,D,S) Lord Huntingdon 8-4		D Harrison 15
13	00	ERSKIN 15 M Blanshard 8-3		F Norton 1
14	0656	FIRST POINT 49 C Allen 8-3		G Duffield 10
15	4600	DON'T FORGET ROBY 15 D Arbuthnot 8-2		R Price 16
16	425	MANASA 86 R Hannon 7-12		N Carlisle 3

5-7 Noor El Houdah, 6-1 Poly Lane, 7-1 Fortunes Leap, 8-1 Clara Peeters, Mariposa, 10-1 Abaco Prince, 12-1 others.

4.30 INFONET AMATEUR RIDERS LIMITED STAKES (£3,143: 1m 3f 106yd) (16)

1	0606	CONSPICUOUS 19 (S) L Cottrell 4-10-13		L Jefford (5) 5
2	5060	KENYATTA 17J (C,S) A Moore 5-10-13		Mrs J Moore (5) 1
3	600	MISHIP SHIP 17 J Simpson 4-10-13		E Williams (5) 6
4	4137	MAMASTE 8924 (F) R Hoad 6-10-13		Miss L McIntosh (5) 4
5	0122	PROTON 14 (BF,C,D,S) R Akehurst 4-10-13		T McCarthy (4) 9
6	4056	RAGTIME SONG 148 (C,F,S) A Moore 5-10-13		Miss J Winter (4) 7
7	5231	STALLED 6 (S) P Walwyn 4-10-13		Miss Hawkins Blandford (5) 8
8	0060	STARLIGHT FLYER 10 (B,F,S,S) J Long 7-10-13		T Waters (5) 16
9	0060	VERRID 80 (S,S) K Bishop 7-10-13		Miss A Purdy (5) 10
10	0110	BRILLIANT 13 (F,S) J Pearce 6-10-8		Mrs L Pearce 14
11	/0-0	HEDGEHOG 164 J O'Donoghue 6-10-8		Mrs T Eastance (5) 2
12	0000	GINGER JIM 19 P Hedger 3-10-5		Mrs A Broomes (5) 15
13	0050	GRAND SALT 19 M Haynes 3-10-5		Miss Y Haynes 12
14	6030	GUARDS BRIGADE 103 (BF,S) Lord Huntingdon 3-10-5		Mrs M Cowdrey 11
15	1102	PRINCESS MUSHA 38 (D,F,S) B Hills 8-10-0		C Hills (5) 13
16	2104	ROBIN CLOVER 21 (F) S Dow 3-10-0		T Cuff (4) 3

7-2 Princess Musha, 5-1 Rollins, Proton, 7-1 Stalled, 8-1 Robin Clover, 12-1 Conspicuous, 14-1 others.

5.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,574: 1m 2f) (16)

1	0015	WORLD EXPRESS 6 (D,S) B Millman 4-10-0		D Griffiths (5) 7
2	40-0	GODCASE 15 (D,F,S,S) D Elsworth 7-9-13		J Williams 8
3	0500	ABLE CHOICE 6 (B,C,S) B Armstrong 4-9-12		R Price 12
4	2340	DANCING SENSATION 71 (C,F,S) R Akehurst 7-8-11		S Sanders (5) 16
5	6064	BLANCHLAND 13 (C,D,S) P Haris 5-8-8		R Cochrane 9
6	5422	CALDER KING 15 (F) J Eyre 3-8-8		L Piggott 4
7	045	SUPERLUMINAL 23 G Harwood 3-8-3		G Hind 14
8	6004	NIGHT EDITION 10 (BF,C,D,S,S) S Dow 4-8-0		G Duffield 1
9	3510	SUPREME STAR 21 (B,F) P Hedger 3-8-11		M Perrett 15
10	0000	KIVAS 16 B McMahon 3-8-10		A Mackay 3
11	2111	VIKINGS 28 (D,S,S) J Arthur 4-8-6		A Clark 2
12	6040	LORD CLADDE 13 S Miller 3-8-5		M Carlisle 11
13	0600	LUCKHAM STYLE 20 (F,S) Mrs B Waring 5-8-4		D Wright (5) 8
14	0030	CAPTAIN STARLIGHT 10 (V,D,S) M Bell 3-8-2		J Carroll 10
15	2000	NORTHERN CONQUEROR 118 (D,F,S) T Naughton 6-9-1		D Harrison 5
16	004-	HILLSDOWN BOY 3814 (D,S) S Dow 4-8-1		F Norton 13

9-2 Dancing Sensation, 7-1 Calder King, 8-1 Blanchland, 10-1 Night Edition, World Express, 12-1 Superluminal, Vikings, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 37 winners from 102 runners, 34.6%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Prescott, 38 from 138, 22.9%; W Jarvis, 10 from 46, 21.7%; H Thomson Jones, 6 from 28, 21.4%; J Gosden, 18 from 85, 21.2%.

JOCKEYS: Mr T Dun, 4 winners from 9 rides, 44.4%; A Procter, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Dean McKeown, 30 from 177, 16.9%; G Duffield, 31 from 192, 16.1%; J Carroll, 6 from 38, 15.4%; R Cochrane, 32 from 208, 14.7%.

Blinkered first time

CHELTENHAM: 4.55 Vayello. LINGFIELD: PARR'S 2.55 Guarded Expression, 2.25 Nordunes, 2.55 Deerlet, 2.30 Nautical Jewel, Romantic Folly, Tirollac; 4.00 Poly Lane; 5.00 Able Choice, Supreme Star. NEWMARKET: 3.05 Gospel Singer, Up And At 'Em. 3.40 Fard.

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DAN ABRAHAM

The success of night racing at Wolverhampton has prompted Kempton Park to investigate embarking on a similar floodlit venture

Kempton sees its future in lights

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

A MULTI-MILLION pound blueprint to transform Kempton Park into a floodlit all-weather racing and leisure venue is likely to be produced next year. The plan would build on the success enjoyed at Wolverhampton, where night racing began on Boxing day last year as part of an entertainment package aimed at enticing the public for an evening out. A glass-fronted restaurant overlooking the track has proved enormously successful with 70 per cent of the 400 seats filled regularly by people who have never previously been racing.

Significantly, the prospects of a southern racecourse being developed along similar lines would almost certainly find favour with the Horserace Betting Levy Board, which could make all-important interest-free loans for the redevelopment. Night racing at two tracks could provide racing and betting with a new avenue for growth after the introduction of Sunday racing and persuade the Government to allow bookmakers to open their shops in the evenings all year, rather than just between April and August.

Kempton Park began life as a racecourse in 1878 but has enjoyed mixed fortunes in recent years. Saved from the possibility of housing development in 1970 when the Levy Board bought the course for £800,000, it has tended to live in the shadow of Sandown and Epsom. The three outer London tracks were bought for £30 million earlier this year by Racecourse Holdings Trust, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Jockey Club, and are run by United Racecourses (UR).

Edward Gillespie, managing director of UR, said: "We want to get Kempton away from being perceived by many people as a poor man's Sandown and to give it its own identity." A new racing manager is being recruited for Kempton and one of his first tasks will be to draw up a fresh strategy for the course.

"Kempton has suffered in the last 20 years from being cash-dried by the developments at Sandown and then Epsom. We want to create a leisure and gambling environment which does not exist at the moment." Gillespie hopes the blueprint could be completed by next summer.

The vital question for UR is whether such a venture can be profitable. However, Richard Muddle, whose company embarked on the £15.3 million development at Wolverhampton, has no doubts on that score, given Kempton's rail links, its proximity to the M25 and the capital's population. "Kempton can make money out of it if they get the right fixture list," he said. "If they can't make it pay no one can. We believe we can make it pay at Wolverhampton and they have the advantage of being near to London."

Muddle believes a southern venue for night racing would help Wolverhampton by creating extra fixtures and enable the big bookmakers to keep their shops open in the evening throughout the year. "We will offer Kempton all the help we can. We have gone through the learning curve and can not only save them and racing a lot of money and effort, but we can encourage them to embark on the scheme more quickly."

Muddle said the all-weather track must not be too large — preferably no more than a mile round — and have excellent floodlighting. The non-racing facilities must be able to compete with those offered by other evening entertainment with the restaurant overlooking the track being crucial.

"If we could start again we would have a thousand-seater restaurant rather than 400 as we are booked up until the middle of January. Kempton should jump in with both feet and give themselves the option of seating 2,000 customers in the restaurant."

The facilities and accent on entertainment underpin a philosophy which is directed more towards the general public rather than racing enthusiasts. "We went for the man in the street who doesn't generally go racing.

"Horseracing by itself tends to offer limited appeal because it involves standing in a grandstand in all kinds of weather. With night racing, the sport is just part of the entertainment. People want to have a meal, sit down in comfort with their friends and family. It is an excuse to go out."

Lochsong booked for Abbaye

LOCHSONG was yesterday named a runner in the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp on Sunday after pleasing her trainer, Ian Balding, in work at Kingsclere. "She's fine and definitely runs," he said.

Balding is hoping Lochsong can return to top form after a disappointing display in the Nunthorpe Stakes at York last month when she bolted on the way to the start. "It's difficult to tell whether she's back to her best, she never works particularly well," Balding added. "At least there's no parade at Longchamp."

Lochsong's future, including a decision on the Breeders' Cup Sprint, will be finalised after Sunday's race. "It's not even been decided whether she will retire this year, although it's unlikely she will carry on," Balding said.

One who will not be carrying on is Mister Baileys, the 2,000 Guineas winner. He was retired yesterday after losing the battle to recover from a leg injury. "We are concerned about a leg infection and he is having drugs to control it. He has no chance of being right in time for the Champion Stakes," Mark Johnston, his trainer, said.

The National Stud has bought a half share in Mister Baileys and he is likely to move from his Middleham stable to Newmarket at the end of November.

Fallow to prove pick of crop in Middle Park



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWMARKET
C4

2.35: That Man Again showed improved form when chasing home Sally Slade at Kempton last week (Princess Sadie held in third), and is sure to go close. However, **Baileys Sunset**, comfortable winner of a Thirsk maiden seven weeks ago, may have been let in lightly here. Owned by the sponsors of this race, he has not run since, presumably being trained with this race in mind, and can justify the wait. Rosey Nosey, a fair third on soft ground at Ayr a fortnight ago, may improve back on a fast surface.

3.05: **Eveningperformance**, a lightly-raced and improving filly, may prove too good for some out-of-form rivals. She showed fine early pace when beating Inherent Magic at Newbury last time, and can again make all. Up And At 'Em is inconsistent, but ran well over course and distance in May when fifth to Lochsong, and, visored for the first time, looks the main danger. Numbered Account prefers six furlongs, but nonetheless appears best of the remainder.

3.40: Art Of War, favourite for next season's 2,000 Guineas, faces his first real test. While the form of his listed race success at Kempton was franked by the subsequent success of the runner-up, Loyalize, this represents a considerable rise in class. Alami disappointed when favourite at Doncaster, but raced too freely and weakened to finish third behind Sri Pekan. He is likely to be seen to better effect over today's shorter trip, but Fallow, who was unsuited by the soft ground and slow early pace when runner-up to Princely Hush at Newbury, possesses a useful turn of foot and can return to winning ways. Bin Nashwan, a close third in the group one Prix de la Salamandre, must be respected.

4.15: With no confirmed front-runner in this field, this could develop into a sprint. The form of Eurolink Thunder's recent third to Soviet Line was given an unexpected boost when the second, Maroof, won the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on Saturday. However, he is held by **Swing Low** on earlier Newbury form, and it can pay to forgive the latter's subsequent poor run at Goodwood when his stable was out of form. Fraam is reportedly back to his best after two disappointing efforts, but he is at his most effective when coming late off a fast pace.

ROBERT WRIGHT

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER
2.15 Captain Khedive. 2.45 Merlins Wish. 3.15 Mustahil. 3.45 Whatagale. 4.20 LUSTY LIGHT (nap). 4.55 Khatir.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

2.15 GOTHERINGTON NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,390: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

1 3111 SIR NORMAN HOLT 17 (F) R O Sullivan 5-11-10 D O'Sullivan 87
2 1212 RUNAWAY PETE 6F (BF,F,G) A Barrow 4-11-9 A Maguire 84
3 2-21 CAPTAIN KHEDIVE 19 (D,F,G) P Hobbs 6-11-6 G McCourt [illegible]
4 000- CHARGED 188 P Hobbs 5-11-1 Peter Hobbs –
5 040/ I HAVE HIM 448 A Jones 7-11-1 S McNeill –
6 0PF/ KINGSTHORPE 554 G Yardley 6-11-1 D Leahy (3) –
7 350- LORD CAMBERLEY 176 S Griffiths 6-11-1 J R Kavanagh –
8 400- NADJATI 208 D Gandolfo 5-11-1 M Dwyer 92
9 526- SHERWOOD BOY 152 K Bailey 5-11-1 N Williamson 76
10 023- FREDDIE MUCK 119 N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0 C Llewellyn –
11 0- HARINGTON HUNDREDS 152 S Sherwood 4-11-0 J Osborne –
12 P JEREMIAHS BOY 19 R Hodges 4-11-0 A Tory –
13 60-6 PLEASURE CRUISE 22 J Cresswell 4-11-0 W McFarland 62
14 P0- SET-EM-ALIGHT 157F M Eckley 4-11-0 R Davis –
15 PPP- AMYS DELIGHT 17F A Chamberlain 6-10-10 S Earle –
16 /P-5 MARY BOROUGH 15 Mrs J Young 8-10-10 Mr A Charles-Jones –
17 4-22 SMART IN SABLE 26 P Hedger 7-10-10 M Richards 82

5-2 Nadjati, 3-1 Sir Norman Holt, 5-1 Captain Khedive, 8-1 Runaway Pete, Smart In Sable, Freddie Muck, 14-1 Sherwood Boy, 16-1 others.

2.45 ENIGMA NIGHT CLUB AND POWER SECURITY SERVICES NOVICES CHASE (£4,085: 2m 110yd) (10)

1 6-11 MERLINS WISH 47 (D,F) M Pipe 5-11-7 R Dunwoody [illegible]
2 513U DE JORDAAN 5 (D,F) W Cunningham 7-11-4 N Smith 83
3 -553 HENLEY REGATTA 20 P Rodford 6-11-0 S Burrough 83
4 03-6 JIMMY THE JACKDAW 17 P Butler 7-11-0 A Maguire 68
5 2U-2 PECCAVI 33 V Bishop 10-11-0 R Bellamy 84
6 104- PROJECT'S MATE 178 (S) R Brown 7-11-0 W Marston –
7 6/5- ROYAL SEGOS 288 Mrs P Dutfield 7-11-0 P Holley –
8 F44- TOTHEWOODS 162 (S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0 C Llewellyn –
9 22P/ URDUARAT 145P (D,F) D Williams 8-11-0 A Thornton –
10 00- MERRY PANTO 223 C Brooks 5-10-13 G Bradley –

5-4 Merlins Wish, 3-1 Tothewoods, 5-1 Peccavi, 7-1 Henley Regatta, 10-1 Project's Mate, 12-1 Merry Panto, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 14 winners from 56 runners, 25.0%; D Nicholson, 34 from 149, 22.8%; N Twiston-Davies, 26 from 132, 19.7%; M Pipe, 43 from 245, 17.6%; S Sherwood, 4 from 26, 15.4%; G Balding, 17 from 111, 15.3%.

JOCKEYS: A Tory, 10 winners from 26 rides, 38.5%; D O'Sullivan, 3 from 10, 30.0%; R Dunwoody, 40 from 193, 20.7%; D Bridgwater, 8 from 45, 17.8%; T Jenks, 3 from 18, 16.7%; A Maguire, 20 from 132, 15.2%.

3.15 FRENCHIE NICHOLSON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,390: 2m 5f 110yd) (13)

1 111- RES IPSA LOQUITUR 104F (F,S) B Pearce 7-11-11 J Neaves (6) [illegible]
2 21-0 BUCKRA MELLISUGA 12 (D,F,G,S) J Wade 10-11-7 D Ryan (6) 90
3 14-0 MUSTAHIL 7 (F) R Hodges 5-10-12 R Farrant 67
4 2-6P ON THE SAUCE 22 (B,F,G,S) B Shaw 7-10-10 P Maddock (6) [illegible]
5 036- ELEGANT KING 150 (G,S) A James 5-10-10 P Morris (6) 34
6 -123 WINGS OF FREEDOM 20 (V,D,F) J Jenkins 6-10-6 A P McCoy (3) 63
7 516- BORROWED AND BLUE 132 (F) P Hobbs 4-10-5 G Tormey (6) 96
8 4-35 ALWAYS READY 42 (F,G) R Lee 8-10-6 J Bond (6) 90
9 321- LOVE YOU MADLY 127 (B,F,S) M Pipe 4-10-0 D Burrows (6) 86
10 4-R4 DUNKERY BEACON 33 H Howe 8-10-0 Guy Lewis (3) 63
11 60P/ CAPTAIN CHROME 681 (G) K Bridgwater 7-10-0 T Jenks –
12 3P0- MAYFIELD PARK 122 (G) C Barwell 9-10-0 O Reddy (6) 79
13 P60- EMBLEY BUOY 189 J Mullins 6-10-0 S Curran 82

5-2 Res Ipsa Loquitur, 4-1 Love You Madly, 6-1 Elegant King, 8-1 others.

3.45 NAILSWORTH INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,879: 3m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 3-14 SQUIRE JIM 19 (B,CD,F,G) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-10 C Llewellyn 90
2 -U11 WHATAGALE 19 (F,G) O Sherwood 7-11-1 J Osborne 91
3 102- GILSTON LASS 152 (F,G) J King 7-10-9 T Jenks (3) 94
4 54-6 RUSTY BRIDGE 19 (D,F,G) Mrs S Johnson 7-10-7 Mr R Johnson (7) 97
5 6-21 REAL PROGRESS 13 (G,S) P Hobbs 6-10-7 Peter Hobbs [illegible]
6 1P-4 THEO'S FELLA 26 (F,G) G Balding 10-10-3 J R Kavanagh 95
7 141- CASTLE BLUE 129 (D,G,S) N Henderson 7-10-2 R Dunwoody 93
8 2-33 MEKSHARP 19 J Smith 7-10-0 A Maguire 71

5-4 Whatagale, 4-1 Real Progress, 5-1 Gilston Lass, Squire Jim, 10-1 others.

4.20 CIRENCESTER HANDICAP CHASE (£4,811: 2m 5f) (6)

1 115- TOCHENKA 119 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 10-12-0 C Llewellyn 91
2 2-11 BOBBY SOCKS 22 (D,F,G,S) R Lee 8-11-9 A Maguire [illegible]
3 255- LITTLE TOM 145 (D,F,G,S) J King 9-11-2 J R Kavanagh 98
4 P0-1 LUSTY LIGHT 19 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-1 W Marston 97
5 21-4 SCOTONI 21 (F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 8-11-0 D O'Sullivan 87
6 324- L'UOMO PIU 129 (F,G,S) A Barrow 10-10-13 D Bridgwater 94

2-1 Bobby Socks, 5-2 Tochenka, 7-2 Lusty Light, 6-1 Little Tom, 7-1 others.

4.55 ROSEHILL NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,295: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 1121 GREENBACK 7 (F,S) P Hobbs 11-6 Peter Hobbs –
2 1 ROMANCER 19 (F) N Twiston-Davies 11-3 C Llewellyn –
3 CLIFTON SET 56F M Channon 10-12 A Thornton –
4 3 ELSOON 12 M Tompkins 10-12 D Bridgwater –
5 KHATIR 89F M Pipe 10-12 R Dunwoody –
6 PLUNDER BAY 91F D Nicholson 10-12 A Maguire –
7 PRINCERULLAH 17F C Broad 10-12 W Marston –
8 SYMBOL OF SUCCESS 17F D Williams 10-12 M A Fitzgerald –
9 VAYELLO 35F (V) C Smith 10-12 M Ranger –
10 YER 'UMBLE J Cresswell 10-12 W McFarland –
11 KOO'S PROMISE C Popham 10-7 C Maude –
12 2P PETITE BIJOU 15 R Brotherton 10-7 T Jenks (3) –

6-4 Khatir, 3-1 Greenback, 5-1 Plunder Bay, 7-1 Romancer, 10-1 others.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
1.30 Kiomi
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2.35 That Man Again
3.05 Eveningperformance
3.40 Fallow
4.15 Fraam
4.50 Bold Gem
5.25 Chattaroy

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 NEATSTEP.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 Bin Nashwan.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

1.30 LONSDALE CLAIMING STAKES
(£4,659: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

101 (6) 206160 KARACHI 47 (C,G) (C Brittain) C Brittain 4-9-9 M Roberts 77
102 (9) 0-53311 BRODESSA 10 (F) (R Jevon) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-6 K Darley 73
103 (8) 1120/00 YENOORA 10 (F,G) (Mrs L Gardiner) P Cole 5-9-6 W Carson –
104 (5) 631231 ELEMENTARY 31 (D,F,G) (P Green) N Walker 11-9-5 Pat Eddery 80
105 (3) 655322 ICE MAGIC 35J (V,G) (F Yardley) F Yardley 7-8-13 J Reid 50
106 (1) 05 KIOMI 35 (I Goldsmith) R Akehurst 4-8-13 L Dettori 82
107 (2) 020034 SCORCHED AIR 12 (D,F) (M Wauchope) J Hills 4-8-13 M Henry (7) 84
108 (4) 463115 NEATSTEP 13 (BF,G,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 3-8-11 M Hills [illegible]
109 (7) 392251 MICROLITE 30 (B,D,F) (Planning Consultancy Limited) P Cole 3-8-10 T Quinn 88
110 (11) 0-0006 RAMSHAW 23 (Lucayan Stud) R Hannon 3-8-9 J Weaver 61
111 (10) 5 JOHN TUFTY 15 (G Tufts) J Pearce 3-8-8 G Bardwell –

BETTING: 7-2 Neatstep, 4-1 Microlite, 5-1 Brodessa, 7-1 Elementary, 8-1 Ice Magic, 10-1 Karachi, 12-1 Kiomi, Scorched Air, 20-1 Ramshaw, 25-1 Ice Magic, John Tufty.

1993: FAUGERON 4-9-4 R Cochrane (16-1) R Akehurst 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

KARACHI 14l 7th of 14 to Protan in handicap at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good). BRODESSA beat Gold Surprise ½l in 7-runner claimer at Edinburgh (1m 7f, good to firm). ELEMENTARY beat Domy Three 2½l in 9-runner claimer at Chepstow (1m 4f, good). ICE MAGIC ¾l 2nd of 10 to Mysterious Maid in lady riders' handicap at Yarmouth (1m 6f, good). KIOMI 12l 7th of 13 to Golden Ball in maiden over course and distance (good) on debut. NEATSTEP 6½l 5th of 12 to On Air in handicap at Ayr (1m 2f, good to soft). MICROLITE beat Artic Courier short-head in 8-runner maiden at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: NEATSTEP

2.00 EBF PORT OF FELIXSTOWE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £5,609: 7f) (16 runners)

201 (3) BEST OF BOLD (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 9-0 G Carter –
202 (2) FAWJ (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 W Carson –
203 (9) 548 GULF SHAADI 31 (M Saeed) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts [illegible]
204 (8) PAINTER'S ROW (Lord Weinstock) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid –
205 (16) PURE MELODY (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 W Ryan –
206 (7) RODERICK HUDSON (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-0 W Newnes –
207 (12) SELF-ESTEEM (J Greetham) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn –
208 (15) TEN PAST SIX (J Hanson) B Hills 9-0 Paul Eddery –
209 (5) TYPHOON EIGHT (M Sh) B Hills 9-0 M Hills –
210 (4) VERZEN (S Manana) D Loder 9-0 M J Kinane –
211 (13) WELLSIAN (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 J Weaver –
212 (11) WESTERN FAME (S Khaled) J Dunlop 9-0 S Whitworth –
213 (14) BARFORD SOVEREIGN (Barford Bloodstock) J Fanshawe 8-9 R Hills –
214 (1) NIWASHA (W Jackson) M Bell 8-9 M Fenton (3) –
215 (10) PITCROY (Sir David Wills) J Fanshawe 8-9 L Dettori –
216 (6) ZALAMENT (J Moore) A Jarvis 8-9 T Sprake –

BETTING: 7-2 Self-Esteem, 4-1 Verzen, 5-1 Painter's Row, 8-1 Typhoon Eight, Ten Past Six, 10-1 Gulf Shaadi, Wellsian, 12-1 Pitcroy, 14-1 Pure Melody, 16-1 others.

1993: DARNAY 9-0 L Dettori (7-1) J Gosden 28 ran

FORM FOCUS

GULF SHAADI 5½l 6th of 18 to Ela-Aristokrati in maiden at Chepstow (1m, good). PAINTER'S ROW (Foaled Apr 29). Half-brother by Royal Academy to smart juvenile 7f winner Scottish Peak. SELF-ESTEEM (Mar 31, cost 25,000gns). Half-brother by Warning to smart 5f/6f winning juvenile Seductress. TYPHOON EIGHT (Feb 14, cost 42,000gns). Half-brother by High Estate to useful handicapper Brandon Court. WELLSIAN (Apr 19). Half-brother by Sadler's Wells to Heart Lake, successful over 7f/1m and in group III company; dam high class performer in the United States. PITCROY (Feb 13). Half-sister by middle-distance winner Unfuwain to smart 7f/1m performer Ardkinglass.
Selection: GULF SHAADI

2.35 BAILEY'S HORSE FEEDS NURSERY HANDICAP — C4
(2-Y-O: £8,090: 5f) (17 runners)

301 (17) 011043 FAJJOURA 28 (D,F,G) (A Al Sabah) Miss G Kelleway 9-7 Stephen Davies (3) 82
302 (7) 251025 DIMES 52 (D,F) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 9-1 Pat Eddery 89
303 (4) 102654 MONKEY ADEL 14 (D,F,S) (The Monkey Racing Club Ltd) J Berry 9-0 G Carter 88
304 (14) 521303 KELLY'S GOLD 19 (D,F) (Noodles Racing) R Hannon 8-11 L Dettori 89
305 (6) 125013 PRINCESS SADIE 9 (D,F,S) (J Good) M Channon 8-11 K Darley 93
306 (3) 64310 TART AND A HALF 19 (D,F) (P Boggis) B Meehan 8-7 T Quinn 80
307 (13) 034256 ARASONG 6 (D,F) (T Scothern) E Weymes 8-5 W Ryan 90
308 (10) 024140 ROYAL EXPLORER 18 (D,F) (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 8-4 K Fallon 87
309 (9) 2128 VALERLE 41 (D,F) (C Oxley) J Payne 8-4 A McGlone 80
310 (16) 40413 TRY TO PLEASE 19 (G) (Sir Anthony Page-Wood) M Heaton-Ellis 8-3 W Woods 91
311 (8) 4033 PELLEMAN 12 (BF) (M Berger) R Boss 7-13 W Carson 87
312 (15) 403162 THAT MAN AGAIN 9 (D,F) (M Jameson) G Lewis 7-10 G Bardwell [illegible]
313 (11) 605251 BAILEYS SUNSET 52 (D,F) (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 7-10 J Quinn 96
314 (12) 103 ROSEY NOSEY 14 (D,BF,F) (G Cooper) J Watts 7-10 J Lowe 87
315 (5) 0033 JUST DISSIDENT 10 (Mrs C Hodgetts) R Whitaker 7-9 Dale Gibson 93
316 (1) 204 DAS ISLAND 21 (PT Enterprises) J Jenkins 7-7 M Baird (7) 84
317 (2) 0000 MISS FELIXSTOWE 10 (Port of Felixstowe) Mrs M Reveley 7-7 N Varley (5) 71

Long handicap: Das Island 7-4, Miss Felixstowe 7-0.

BETTING: 7-1 That Man Again, 8-1 Baileys Sunset, 9-1 Dimes, Pelleman, 10-1 Just Dissident, Kelly's Gold, 12-1 Princess Sadie, Rosey Nosey, Tart And A Half, Try To Please, 14-1 Monkey Adel, 15-1 others.

1993: NO MEAN CITY 8-8 A Mackay (14-1) A Bailey 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

FAJJOURA 4l 3rd to Bajan Rose in Salisbury conditions race (6f, good). DIMES 1½l 2nd to Fard in nursery here (6f, good) penultimate start. TRY TO PLEASE 3l 3rd to Sue's Return in Doncaster nursery (6f, good to soft) with ROYAL EXPLORER (3lb better off) 9l 9th and PRINCESS SADIE 8l 21st. THAT MAN AGAIN ¾l 2nd to Sally Slade at Kempton (5f, soft) with PRINCESS SADIE 3½l 3rd. BAILEY'S SUNSET beat Silk Cottage 2l in Thirsk maiden (5f, firm). ROSEY NOSEY ½l 3rd to David James' Girl in Ayr seller (5f, good to soft).
Selection: ROSEY NOSEY

3.05 MULTIYORK ROUS STAKES — C4
(Listed race: £10,512: 5f) (9 runners)

401 (4) 0-21650 SABRE RATTLER 22 (D,F,G,S) (H Hughes) J Berry 4-9-0 Pat Eddery 92
402 (3) 061540 UP AND AT 'EM 19 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Hughes) J Berry 4-9-0 G Carter 90
403 (6) 012005 ROGER THE BUTLER 6 (F,S) (M Hawton) M Bell 4-8-11 M Fenton [illegible]
404 (5) 224400 BID FOR BLUE 34 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 3-8-9 J Reid 87
405 (8) 0-01606 MILLYANT 19 (D,F,G) (C Mills) R Guest 4-8-9 L Dettori 90
406 (7) 305160 NUMBERED ACCOUNT 12 (C,D,F,G) (Highclere Racing) W Haggas 3-8-9 M Hills 98
407 (9) 634411 EVENINGPERFORMANCE 13 (D,F,S) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 3-8-4 W Newnes 90
408 (1) 042464 GOSPEL SINGER 18 (V) (Mrs A O'Reilly) J Burns (Ire) 3-8-4 W Carson 78
409 (2) 5-10103 SNOWING 18 (D,F,G) (Mrs T Stack) T Stack (Ire) 3-8-4 M Roberts 80

BETTING: 4-1 Millyant, 9-2 Sabre Rattler, 5-1 Eveningperformance, 6-1 Numbered Account, Roger The Butler, 7-1 Up And At 'Em, 8-1 Bid For Blue, 16-1 Gospel Singer, Snowing.

1993: MY-O-MY 3-8-4 M Roberts (11-1) T Stack (Ire) 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SABRE RATTLER 5l 8th to Mistertopogigo in Doncaster listed race (5f, good). ROGER THE BUTLER 2½l 5th to Gorinsky in Ascot handicap (5f, good). MILLYANT 3l 3rd to Tropical at Leopardstown (5f, yielding) with UP AND AT 'EM (2lb worse) 8l 7th. NUMBERED ACCOUNT beat Lord Olivier neck in York handicap (6f, good to firm). EVENINGPERFORMANCE beat Inherent Magic ½l in Newbury conditions race (5f, soft). SNOWING 1¾l 3rd to Pilgrim Bay at Curragh (5f, soft) with GOSPEL SINGER (1lb better) head 4th.
Selection: MILLYANT

3.40 MIDDLE PARK STAKES — C4
(Group I: 2-Y-O colts: £76,865: 6f) (10 runners)

501 (3) 113 ALAMI 20 (D,BF,F) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills 97
502 (8) 11 ART OF WAR 26 (D,G,S) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) R Charlton 9-0 Pat Eddery [illegible]
503 (4) 613 BIN NASHWAN 18 (D,S) (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0 W R Swinburn 91
504 (5) 2130 BRAVE MUSIC 12 (F) (Lord Portman) P Cole 9-0 J Reid 82
505 (6) 112622 FALLOW 12 (V,CD,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-0 L Dettori 93
506 (2) 311142 FARD 31 (B,CD,BF,F,G) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 9-0 W Carson 87
507 (10) 2211 GREEN PERFUME 27 (D,F,G) (Lord Sondes) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 92
508 (1) 111502 MIND GAMES 19 (F,G) (R Hughes (Shropshire)) J Berry 9-0 K Darley 98
509 (9) 1235 MOON KING 12 (BF,S) (M Suhail) R Hannon 9-0 R Perham 90
510 (7) 221141 RAAH ALGHARB 19 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 M J Kinane 94

BETTING: 5-4 Art Of War, 9-2 Bin Nashwan, 7-1 Fallow, Green Perfume, 10-1 Alami, 12-1 Raah Algharb, 14-1 Mind Games, 20-1 Moon King, 33-1 Fard, 50-1 Brave Music.

1993: FIRST TRUMP 9-0 M Hills (6-1) G Wragg 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ART OF WAR beat Loyalize ¾l in Kempton listed race (6f, good to soft). BIN NASHWAN 1¼l 3rd to Pennekamp in Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp (7f, soft). FALLOW 1¾l 2nd to Princely Hush in Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury (6f, soft) with MOON KING 4¾l 6th and BRAVE MUSIC ¾l 7th. FARD 2l 2nd to Limerick Belle in Ripon listed race (6f, good to firm) with RAAH ALGHARB (2lb better off) 1¾l 4th. GREEN PERFUME awarded race after neck 2nd to Desidera in group II race at Baden-Baden (6f, good). RAAH ALGHARB beat MIND GAMES (5lb better off) short head in Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster (5f, good).
Selection: ART OF WAR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	19	83	22.9	Pat Eddery	102	521	19.6
H Cecil	60	304	19.7	M J Kinane	8	44	18.2
J Gosden	54	311	17.4	W R Swinburn	72	422	17.1
P Chapple-Hyam	15	94	16.0	Stephen Davies	5	36	13.9
L Cumani	48	318	15.1	W Carson	72	521	13.8

4.15 BAXI HEATING JOEL STAKES — C4
(Listed race: £10,512: 1m) (7 runners)

601 (3) 00-1603 EUROLINK THUNDER 21 (C,D,F,G,S) (Eurolink Group Plc) J Dunlop 4-9-4 T Quinn 94
602 (4) 210336 FRAAM 21 (C,D,F,G,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 5-9-0 W R Swinburn [illegible]
603 (5) 1-11040 HAZAAM 21 (D,F,G) (Godolphin) M Stoute 5-9-0 M J Kinane 89
604 (6) 0-00545 SWING LOW 33 (C,D,F,G,S) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 5-9-0 Pat Eddery 98
605 (7) 510310 ALLEZ CYRANO 33 (F,S) (J Pearce) M Bell 3-8-10 L Dettori 84
606 (1) 14-4420 POLISH LAUGHTER 12 (G,S) (J Hunault) B Hanbury 3-8-10 T Ives 95
607 (2) 1-U0005 GLATISANT 16 (B,G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-5 M Hills 89

BETTING: 2-1 Eurolink Thunder, 3-1 Fraam, 7-2 Swing Low, 5-1 Hazaam, 10-1 Polish Laughter, 12-1 Glatisant, 16-1 Allez Cyrano.

1993: GABR 3-8-10 W Carson (7-2) R Armstrong 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

EUROLINK THUNDER neck and ¾l 3rd of 9 to Soviet Line in group III Kiveton Park Stakes at Doncaster (1m, good), with FRAAM 5l 6th and HAZAAM (4lb better off) about 4l 8th. FRAAM neck and ½l 3rd of 4 to Lower Egypt in a listed race at York (1m 1f, good) on penultimate start. SWING LOW 1¼l 4th of 12 to dead-heaters Young Ern and Pollen Count in the group III Tripleprint Hungerford Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good) on penultimate start. ALLEZ CYRANO beat Indian Fly 1½l in 19-runner handicap at Goodwood (7f, firm) on penultimate start. POLISH LAUGHTER 1l 2nd of 11 to Soviet Line in listed race at Kempton (1m, good) on penultimate start, with HAZAAM 4½l 4th and GLATISANT faded off last.
Selection: EUROLINK THUNDER

4.50 FITZWILLIAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,078: 5f) (20 runners)

1 (5) 20-0160 MARJORIE'S MEMORY 62 (D,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 9-7 Stephen Davies (3) 86
2 (10) 300003 TAKADOU 5 (D,F) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 9-7 W Newnes 93
3 (13) 350321 NAME THE TUNE 5 (D,G,S) (Hammond Piers) P Howling 9-6 (7ex) Paul Eddery 92
4 (18) 316314 INSIDER TRADER 31 (B,D,F,G) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 9-5 Pat Eddery 95
5 (11) 556102 PALO BLANCO 6 (D,F,G) (J Brown) T Barron 9-2 J Fortune [illegible]
6 (12) 000320 ROBELLION 5 (D,F) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 9-1 T Quinn 90
7 (7) 002300 DANCE FOCUS 17 (D,G) (M Yong) W O'Gorman 8-12 T Ives 92
8 (14) 010210 DELIVER 9 (BF,F,G) (K Rawlings) Mrs J Ramsden 8-10 J Weaver 92
9 (15) 500001 WINSOME WOOSTER 17 (D,G,S) (Miss A Rawding) P Murphy 8-10 S Drowne (5) 94
10 (6) 1-606P0 HIGH HOLME 10 (CD,G) (J Ashurst) D Thom 8-7 M Roberts 88
11 (8) 233134 TAFFETA SILK 19 (D,F) (Highclere Racing Ltd) W Jarvis 8-7 L Dettori 89
12 (20) 421546 IT MUST BE MILLIE 52 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Eden) G Eden 8-6 A Whelan (7) 90
13 (15) 041240 THATCHERELLA 52 (D,F,G) (G Mortimer) J Akehurst 8-5 G Carter 93
14 (3) 005554 FEATHERSTONE LANE 52 (D,F) Miss L Siddall 8-2 D R McCabe (5) 86
15 (17) 022040 BOLD GEM 12 (B) (F Wilson) B Meehan 8-2 B Doyle 90
16 (4) 411500 THREE OF HEARTS 9 (D,G,S) (Mrs V Dixon) Mrs N Macauley 8-0 J Lowe 87
17 (19) 6-00440 DOMINO QUEEN 9 (B,D,S) (J Borrett) J Payne 8-0 G Bardwell 84
18 (9) 523150 BRADWELL 14 (D,F) (P Riseborough) M Tompkins 7-12 P Robinson 80
19 (1) 5503 CIRCUS LODGE 16 (Hamilton Ltd) J Toller 7-11 J Quinn 94
20 (2) 260130 ANGELIC DANCER 34 (B,F) (Mrs P Barratt) S Bowring 7-7 N Varley (5) 86

Long handicap: Angelic Dancer 7-3

BETTING: 6-1 Insider Trader, 7-1 Name The Tune, 8-1 Taffeta Silk, Deliver, 10-1 Takadou, Palo Blanco, Winsome Wooster, 12-1 Robellion, 14-1 Bold Gem, Thatcherella, 16-1 Bradwell, 20-1 others.

1993: SASEEDO 9-7 J Williams (14-1) W O'Gorman 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

MARJORIE'S MEMORY best effort when beating Random ¾l in handicap at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm). NAME THE TUNE beat Broadstairs Beauty ¾l in handicap at Haydock (5f, good to soft) with TAKADOU (7lb better off) 1¾l 3rd and ROBELLION (7lb better off) 6½l 15th. INSIDER TRADER beat Hello Mister 1½l in handicap at York (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start with NAME THE TUNE 3l 3rd. PALO BLANCO 1½l 2nd to Dare Sparrow in handicap at Redcar (6f, good). DELIVER beat Madeira 5l in Leicester rated stakes (6f, good) on penultimate start with DOMINO QUEEN (7lb better off) 2¾l 4th. WINSOME WOOSTER beat ROBELLION (7lb better off) 3l in 18-runner handicap at Bath (5f 161yd, good). TAFFETA SILK 5l 4th of 19 to Mister Bloy in apprentices handicap at Chepstow (6f, good to soft).
Selection: INSIDER TRADER

5.25 EBF PORT OF FELIXSTOWE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £5,609: 7f) (16 runners)

1 (3) ALMOND ROCK (Cit Racing Ltd) J Fanshawe 9-0 W Woods –
2 (2) BETTER OFFER (Mrs W Sarson) G Harwood 9-0 A McGlone –
3 (12) BIRTHDAY BOY (Mrs D Cocky) R Hannon 9-0 R Perham –
4 (13) 6 BURY THE HATCHET 23 (Mark Tompkins Elite) M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson 76
5 (5) 42 CHATTAROY 15 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori [illegible]
6 (1) EXPEDITION (P Warren) J Hills 9-0 NON-RUNNER
7 (15) 6 ADVANCE EAST 23 (P Locke) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 K Fallon 84
8 (10) 6 INDRAPURA 10 (HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn –
9 (E) PEACE ENVOY (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery –
10 (11) 0 ROCK OYSTER 23 (R Harding) B Meehan 9-0 B Doyle –
11 (8) SMART ALEC (G Leigh) L Cumani 9-0 J Weaver –
12 (9) STAR OF ZILZAL (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn –
13 (16) TAKLIF (H Al Maktoum) B Hills 9-0 W Carson –
14 (7) 5 THE STAGER 19 (J Long) J Jenkins 9-0 J Reid 79
15 (14) 0 EMILY-MOU 10 (Mrs A Scott) A Scott 8-9 J Tate (3) –
16 (4) GULF BAY (B Warren) M Bell 8-9 M Fenton (3) –

BETTING: 5-2 Chattaroy, 3-1 Peace Envoy, 5-1 Star Of Zilzal, 6-1 Smart Alec, 8-1 Taklif, 10-1 Almond Rock, 12-1 Birthday Boy, 14-1 Better Offer, Gulf Bay, 20-1 others.

1993: DARNAY 9-0 L Dettori (7-1) J Gosden 28 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIRTHDAY BOY (Mar 14, 39,000gns) Third foal, by Scenic; dam 1m-1m 3f winner at three. CHATTAROY 1l 2nd of 13 to Wijara in maiden at Sandown (7f, good to soft). ADVANCE EAST 13¾l 6th of 15 to Cloud in Leicester maiden (7f, good to firm). PEACE ENVOY (Feb 12). By Warning, dam 1m 2f winner. SMART ALEC (May 9). By Diesis out of half-sister to high-class miler Markofdistinction. STAR OF ZILZAL (Apr 26). Half-brother by Zilzal to winner in North America; dam half-sister to Green Forest. TAKLIF (Apr 20, 200,000gns) Half-brother by Sadler's Wells to several winners including useful miler Metal Storm.
Selection: CHATTAROY

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newcastle
Going: good

2.15 (7f) 1, Prudent Pet (J Fanning, 12-1); 2, Royal Expression (14-1); 3, Spara Tir (14-1). Takeshi 3-1 fav. 13 ran. 3½l, ½l. C Fairhurst. Tote: £17.10; £5.80, £3.80, £2.60. DF: £179.40. CSF: £170.80.

2.45 (7f) 1, Sagebrush Roller (N Connorton, 6-4 fav); 2, Alter The Last (5-2); 3, Phase One (33-1). 9 ran. NR: Cymbalo. 1½l, nk. J Watts. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.20, £3.30. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.04.

3.15 (6f) 1, Bahith (K Darley, 4-1); 2, Hotspur Street (9-2); 3, Bent Al Fala (12-1). Prince's Feather 8-11 fav. 11 ran. Hd, 3½l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £1.30, £3.80. DF: £10.00. CSF: £24.43.

3.45 (5f) 1, Night Melody (K Darley, 9-2); 2, Lucky Parkes (6-5 fav); 3, Fango (7-1). 6 ran. 2½l, sh hd. R Hannon. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £1.60. DF: £4.60. CSF: £10.95.

4.15 (2m 19yd) 1, Silence In Court (J Fortune, Evens fav); 2, Well Beloved (11-10); 3, Potsclose (9-1). 3 ran. 4l, 4l. B McMahon. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.30.

4.45 (1m) 1, Crumpton Hill (G Hind, 17-2); 2, Tajar (10-11 fav); 3, Flash Of Insight (6-1). 8 ran. Sh hd, nk. N Graham. Tote: £9.30; £2.40, £1.10, £3.10. DF: £5.80. CSF: £17.47.

5.15 (1m) 1, High Low (Mr P Pritchard-Gordon, 9-2); 2, Threshfield (3-1 fav); 3, Band Sergeant (12-1). 13 ran. 5l, 1½l. M Prescott. Tote: £4.50; £2.00, £3.40, £2.50. DF: £15.40. CSF: £20.94. Tricast: £156.74. Trio: £37.60.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £18,849.05 carried forward to Newmarket today).
Placepot: £442.70. Quadpot: £90.40.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CAPTAIN KHEDIVE
(2.15 Cheltenham)
Next best: Romancer
(4.55 Cheltenham)

Salisbury
Going: good (good to soft in places)

1.55 (1m) 1, Burning (L Dettori, 9-2); 2, Bahn (11-8 fav); 3, Salmon Ladder (10-1). 18 ran. 3½l, nk. J Gosden. Tote: £5.40; £2.50, £1.50, £3.90. DF: £4.30. CSF: £11.74.

2.25 (5f) 1, Doris Doors (D Harrison, 12-1); 2, My Cherrywell (20-1); 3, Forgotten Dancer (14-1); 4, Scored Again (6-1 fav). 24 ran. Nk, sh hd. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £22.90; £4.20, £4.60, £3.50, £2.00. DF: £226.20. Trio: £688.80, part won (pool of £533.64 carried forward to 4.50 at Newmarket today). CSF: £207.17. Tricast: £3,071.34.

2.55 (6f) 1, I Should Cocoa (B Doyle, 9-2); 2, Two O'Clock Jump (5-2); 3, Noble Kingdom (4-1). Lion's Mane 7-4 fav. 5 ran. 1½l, 2½l. B Meehan. Tote: £5.30; £2.30, £1.70. DF: £6.20. CSF: £14.32.

3.25 (6f 212yd) 1, Jaadan (Pat Eddery, 13-2 fav); 2, Audrey Grace (20-1); 3, Sweet Decision (10-1); 4, Governors Belle (10-1). 19 ran. NR: Corneoup. 1½l, ¾l. G Harwood. Tote: £5.60; £1.90, £4.70, £3.00, £2.70. DF: £123.90. Trio: £675.90; part won (pool of £609.27 carried forward to 4.50 at Newmarket today). CSF: £114.76. Tricast: £1,173.98.

3.55 (6f 212yd) 1, Te Amo (T Quinn, 11-4); 2, Desert Harvest (5-4 fav); 3, Atteal (12-1). 13 ran. Hd, 1l. R Akehurst. Tote: £4.00; £1.40, £1.30, £2.30. DF: £3.50. CSF: £6.54. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.25 (1m) 1, Mapengo (A Clark, 16-1); 2, Controller (12-1); 3, Spencer's Revenge (11-1); 4, Sea Baron (10-1). Lord Oberon 6-1 fav. 18 ran. Hd, nk. G Harwood. Tote: £35.10; £7.50, £2.60, £2.80, £3.40. DF: £188.10. Trio: £284.40. CSF: £186.97. Tricast: £2,022.74.

4.55 (6f 212yd) 1, Judgement Day (R Havlin, 8-1); 2, Hakiku (3-1); 3, Talathath (5-4 fav). 12 ran. NR: In The Zim. ¾l, 1½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £13.70; £3.10, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £21.50. CSF: £32.44.

Placepot: £96.80. Quadpot: £71.70.

Folkestone
Going: good to soft

2.05 (6f 189yd) 1, Petomi (G Duffield, 5-2 fav); 2, Total Rach (4-1); 3, Harry Welsh (9-2). 12 ran. Nk, 2½l. M Prescott. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £8.70. CSF: £12.80.

2.35 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Guesstimation (G Bardwell, 5-1); 2, Our Bessie (14-1); 3, Give In (33-1). Sir Arthur Hobbs 11-4 fav. 14 ran. NR: Mexican Dancer. Nk, ½l. J Pearce. Tote: £6.30; £2.30, £2.70, £14.90. DF: £76.70. CSF: £69.59.

3.05 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Bahram Star (L Piggott, 5-2 fav); 2, Bold Acre (12-1); 3, Spring Sixpence (7-1). 15 ran. ¾l, nk. T Mills. Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £5.80, £2.70. DF: £49.90. CSF: £34.65.

3.35 (6f) 1, Sayeh (R Hills, 4-1); 2, Rons Secret (25-1); 3, Crimson Shower (7-1). Dumanche Gras 15-8 fav. 18 ran. ¾l, nk. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £5.30; £2.40, £12.40, £5.00. DF: £165.00. CSF: £121.58.

4.05 (6f) 1, La Petite Fusee (Stephen Davies, 13-2); 2, Letsbeonestaboutit (33-1); 3, Watheeqah (8-1); 4, Hawaiian Dream (8-1). Souperficial 7-2 fav. 20 ran. 3l, hd. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £10.20; £2.20, £4.10, £2.60, £2.00. DF: £341.20. CSF: £218.60. Tricast: £1,670.54. Trio: £751.00.

4.35 (1m 4f) 1, Shadow Leader (R Painter, 10-11 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Safe Secret (16-1); 3, Boyfriend (10-1). 12 ran. 1¼l, 1l. Miss A Whitfield. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £3.20, £2.10. DF: £25.90. CSF: £16.88.

5.05 (1m 4f) 1, Un Parfum De Femme (G Bardwell, 7-2 j-fav); 2, Stompin (6-1); 3, Red Dancer (8-1). Bo Knows Nigel 7-2 j-fav. 11 ran. 1l, 4l. J Pearce. Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £2.20, £2.00. DF: £12.30. Trio: £33.70. CSF: £25.58. Tricast: £149.39.

Placepot: £384.00. Quadpot: £104.30.

Sedgefield
Going: good

2.20 (1m 2f 110yd flat) 1, Gymcrak Diamond (G Holmes, 13-2); 2, Delpiombo (7-1); 3, Astraleon (8-1). Limited Liability Evens fav. 11 ran. Hd, 2½l. G Holmes. Tote: £9.40; £2.00, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £17.50. CSF: £50.21.

2.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, Down The Road (A Maguire, 6-4 fav); 2, Military Secret (10-1); 3, Lady Blakeney (14-1). 8 ran. 1½l, nk. J Johnson. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £2.10, £1.20. DF: £9.60. CSF: £16.16. Tricast: £144.33.

3.20 (2m 5f ch) 1, The Green Fool (Mr M Thompson, 7-1); 2, Saymore (4-1); 3, Eden Stream (12-1). Holdiggity 7-2 fav. 13 ran. 1½l, 6l. V Thompson. Tote: £9.20; £2.20, £1.60, £4.50. DF: £26.80. CSF: £32.68.

3.50 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Notable Exception (G Lee, 3-1 fav); 2, Bahrain Queen (7-1); 3, Free Transfer (12-1). 12 ran. Sh hd, 15l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.00; £1.90, £3.00, £4.40. DF: £10.60. Trio: £121.30. CSF: £24.56. Tricast: £212.09.

4.20 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Shut Up (T Reed, 20-1); 2, Well Appointed (7-1); 3, Fly To The End (33-1). Persian Lionel 11-4 fav. 17 ran. 3½l, 3l. Mrs E Moscrop. Tote: £22.50; £5.20, £3.70, £3.40. DF: £150.40. CSF: £154.62.

4.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Briar's Delight (S Melrose, 6-1); 2, Marsden Rock (10-1); 3, Awshayes (3-1). Bonny 5-2 fav. 8 ran. 1½l, nk. R Allan. Tote: £6.00; £1.40, £2.70, £2.00. DF: £22.90. CSF: £56.51. Tricast: £195.72.

5.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Bishops Castle (M Dwyer, 4-1); 2, Glen Dolus (5-4 fav); 3, Nebie Belle (9-1). 8 ran. Nk, 12l. T Carr. Tote: £5.40; £1.90, £1.20, £1.60. DF: £5.20. CSF: £8.84.

Placepot: £1,314.00. Quadpot: £80.20.

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Germans outclass Scottish side

Riedle crushes Motherwell's Uefa Cup hopes

Motherwell..... 0
Borussia Dortmund..... 2
(Dortmund win 3-0 on agg)

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

THE instruction comes just a little late but, if Blackburn Rovers are still curious, this match was a masterclass in the art of handling a delicate away leg in Europe. Borussia Dortmund were alert and commanding from the beginning of this first round Uefa Cup tie, ensuring that Motherwell's doubts were growing before they could settle.

Dortmund brought with them a 1-0 lead but strove to expand rather than protect it. The Everton manager, Mike Walker, was in attendance and should he still be pursuing an interest in Karl-Heinz Riedle he may find that the price has been subject to an afternoon of inflation. The centre forward scored twice in the second half.

Motherwell, naturally enough, could not match the fluidity of such expensively-acquired opponents. Their attempt to bristle and hustle, however, was inadequately channelled. Paul McGrillen had been sent off in the first leg and there were two more dismissals for the Lanarkshire club yesterday.

The crucial misdemeanour belonged to Arnott. He had already been booked before, in the thirtieth minute, he needlessly lunged at Chapuisat from behind. Despite the striker's melodramatic reaction, little damage had been done, but the challenge was still foolish. The red card was no surprise.

Against ten men Dortmund could afford even more flourishes and pushed their sweeper, Sammer, into midfield for a spell. The crowd was rancorous and it was tempting to agree with its paranoia about the referee when, 20 minutes from time, Mr Frisk concluded that a booking was sufficient punishment when Riedle kicked Dolan.

There was nothing contentious about Motherwell's second sending off, five minutes from time. Shannon's attempt to tackle Freund was brutal. Despite squabbling over the refereeing, there can be no debate over Dortmund's entitlement to advance.

They had been surprised, in Germany, by the comfort with which Motherwell stroked the ball around. A fortnight's deliberation, though, had seen Dortmund make the necessary adjustments. Yesterday they employed the British style of "pressing game", pushing men forward to ensure that Motherwell could not manoeuvre in midfield.

Thwarting the Germans was much more difficult. Motherwell were occasionally flustered and when Shannon, after 24 minutes, inadvertently nodded across his own area Chapuisat shot over. Soon afterwards, the Motherwell goalkeeper, Woods, was nervous as he fielded a long pass and fumbled the ball.

Möller gathered and crossed, but Riedle, this once, dithered and Philliben cleared. Five minutes from the break, with Sammer offside, the referee perversely allowed Chapuisat to run on and clip the post with a shot. Motherwell had just one source of encouragement. For those who were disappointed by the world champions' tendency to stop other teams from scoring in the United States, this game brought the heartening news that the term "Brazilian defender" can still be an oxymoron.

The visitors' centre back, Julio Cesar, may bring the ball down sweetly and distribute it with discernment but he seems perplexed should the opposition somehow acquire possession. As a former player of Juventus he may regard himself as part of the game's aristocracy and is disdainful of proletarian tasks such as challenging and chasing.

His laxity gave Motherwell what little leeway they were able to find in the critical part of this game. So it was, in the 26th minute, that Julio Cesar allowed Coyne space on the right, as if he were curious to see what would happen to the cross. It bounced teasingly and eluded Arnott.

McKinnon's 25-yarder in the 52nd minute required a fine parry from Klos, but two minutes later Dortmund took the lead. Chapuisat, in his favourite deep position, rolled a pass through the middle to give Riedle an easy finish. Motherwell might have equalised when Shannon lifted a Coyne header just wide.

Dortmund took complete command in the 64th minute when, with Möller this time filling the play-maker role, another incisive pass allowed Riedle to score crisply.

MOTHERWELL (3-5-2): S Woods — C McCart, J Philliben, B Martin — R Shannon, P Lambert (sub: S Kirk, 64mm), W Dolan, W Davies (sub: A Burns, 85), R McKinnon — D Arnott, T Coyne

BORUSSIA DORTMUND (3-4-1-2): S Klos — M Kree, M Sammer, J Cesar — S Reuter, S Freund, M Zorc, K Reinhardt (sub: B Tanko 72) — A Möller — S Chapuisat, K-H Riedle (sub: L Ricken, 73)

Referee: M Frisk (Sweden).

Diego Maradona said yesterday he would not take legal action against Fifa to reduce his 15-month drug suspension. He started working as volunteer assistant coach to Boca Juniors in Buenos Aires.



Freund, left, of Borussia Dortmund, comes under pressure from Coyne yesterday

Arsenal run of success should not be stalled by Cypriots

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ARSENAL'S only blemish in the European Cup Winners' Cup was the 5-4 penalty shoot-out defeat, after a 0-0 draw, against Valencia in the 1980 final in Brussels. Technically, they are unbeaten in 19 matches in the competition, and they are unlikely to surrender their record when they take on the spirited yet limited challenge of Omonia Nicosia at Highbury tonight.

With a 3-1 lead from the first leg of the first-round tie in Cyprus a fortnight ago, the holders should barely need to leave second gear. On a warm, intense evening in Nicosia, they did what they do best — extracting the venom from the opposition, enjoying several slices of fortune and retaliating with goals.

They repeated the trick in the 2-0 victory at West Ham United, in the FA Carling Premiership, at Upton Park on Sunday, and they will do it again and again. Frustrating and, perhaps, unattractive, but effective. It is their way and will remain so while George Graham, the manager, marshals his players with such obstinacy.

Tony Adams, Ian Selley and Kevin Campbell, suspended for the first leg, are now available and, with three matches in six days, Graham will choose his side carefully. He also has to consider the Premiership game against Crystal Palace at Highbury on Saturday and the Coca-Cola Cup second-round second leg with Hartlepool United next Wednesday.

"I intend to spread my resources between the three games," Graham said. "You have to use the squad system when the fixture list gets as crowded as this, though our squad is not as big as some people might think."

Omonia, enthusiastic yet ultimately brittle in Nicosia, will be without Gotsia Gogritsiani and David Kizilasvki, who play for Georgia, while Nedim Tutic, their influential midfield player, is doubtful through injury.

There is one nagging concern at Highbury, brought on by the 3-2 aggregate defeat of Blackburn Rovers against Trelleborgs FF, of Sweden, in the Uefa Cup on Tuesday. Omonia, the 17-time Cypriot league champions, have a better pedigree than the Scandinavian part-timers.

"There is no way we can take this game lightly," Graham said. "Just look at what happened to Blackburn. I don't want the same thing happening to us." Pigs flying over north London tonight are rather more likely.

ARSENAL (from): D Seaman, V Bartram; L Dixon, A Adams, M Keown, A Linighan, N Winterburn, S Morrow, P Davis, R Parlour, I Selley, S Schwarz, J Jensen, D Hillier, K Campbell, T Wright, A Smith, P Merson.

Thomson ready to take break from title challenge

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

ANDY Thomson, the world indoor champion and No 1 seed, will travel to London today, responding to a call from the Prime Minister, and return to Preston tomorrow to play Graham Robertson in the quarter-finals of the Saga International Open.

The match should have been played this afternoon, but David Harrison, the World Indoor Bowls Council tournament director, yesterday approved a request to rearrange the playing order to enable Thomson to attend a sportsmen's reception at Downing Street.

Yesterday, Thomson, born in St Andrews but now a naturalised Englishman with a record collection of national bowls titles, met a resident Scot, Alex Marshall, from Edinburgh, who is being tipped to join the ranks of the world's best bowlers.

Outdoors, on grass, Marshall has already established himself, winning three gold medals in the world championships at Worthing two years ago. So far, on carpet, although he won the Scottish singles last year, he has a lower profile.

On this occasion, Thomson took the first set 7-4 and the second by the same score.

Robertson edged out Thomson's Kent colleague, Gary Smith in the most exciting match of the championships, winning 0-7, 7-6, 7-6. Smith, after dominating the first set, had a golden opportunity to win the second after ditching the jack on the seventh end. Robertson's fourth bowl dropped into the ditch, only for Smith to see his next bowl drop into the ditch as well, when victory beckoned, to tie the score at 6-6.

Robertson gratefully collected a single on the next end and the incident clearly played on Smith's mind at the start of the deciding set, which Robertson controlled.

Time after time, the Scot set up good positions, but Smith, famous for his ability to escape from tight corners, saved game several times. Robertson even failed to draw the winner on the eighth end, balancing Smith's earlier failure in the second set.

Appropriately enough, on the final end, with the scores tied at 6-6, Smith fired the jack into the ditch and claimed the winner with a strategically-placed back bowl, but Robertson had the last laugh, drawing the winning shot with the very last bowl of the match.

Ian Taylor, an Australian with an extraordinarily complicated delivery style, swept to a 7-1, 7-0 victory over East Dorset's Russell Morgan, the 1993 England indoor singles champion.

Hooligan fear haunts Chelsea on their travels

FROM ALYSON RUDD
IN PRAGUE

THE English have a good, old-fashioned insecurity about foreign places. So much can go wrong: Manchester United's experience of a hostile reception in Turkey was well publicised last season. In Blackburn Rovers' case, the discomfort was due, simply, to 90 minutes of inadequacy on Tuesday against some spirited part-time footballers from Sweden.

For Chelsea, however, a jaunt overseas could be spoilt by something more sinister: hooliganism, both exuberant and well-organised. A British National Party (BNP) presence is expected at the Strelnice stadium, where Chelsea will defend a 4-2 lead against Viktoria Zizkov, of the Czech Republic, in the Cup Winners' Cup first round, second leg, this afternoon.

About 700 Chelsea supporters have travelled to Prague on officially recognised trips. Anything up to 2,000 more are expected to arrive at the stadium with either tickets designated for Viktoria supporters or no tickets at all.

There are fears that the BNP might regard Chelsea's return to European competition as an opportunity to create trouble. But there will be no complacency in Jablonec, a small provincial town north east of Prague, chosen by the Czech police as the most appropriate venue. Superintendent David Fitzsimons has, like Chelsea, returned after 23 years into the European limelight. As a constable, Fitzsimons was on duty during Chelsea's victorious Cup Winners' Cup campaign of 1971. Now, as head of policing for Stamford Bridge, he is helping the Czech authorities to keep out the sour side of English patriotism.

Any trouble today would be doubly regrettable. Czech football does not attract violence: Fitzsimons attended a recent derby match between Sparta Prague and Viktoria, where segregation was not needed. And crowd problems would see Chelsea, despite enormous efforts to encourage supporters without tickets to stay away, hitting the headlines for the wrong reasons.

Meanwhile, there is a feeling at the club that Chelsea are not attracting the publicity they deserve. "Everyone's been talking about the other teams but we're fifth in the league at the moment and we're still in all the cups. We've been overlooked," Dennis Wise, the captain, said. "On TV, they've shown everyone else's goals in Europe, except ours."

Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, has delayed naming his team while he assesses how his players react to a virus that has affected the squad. "At the moment nobody's really gone down with the flu, it's just sore throats more than anything." So far Nigel Spackman, who plays at the base of Chelsea's diamond formation in midfield, has suffered most.

The most obvious change to the team from the first leg is likely, however, to be a tactical switch with Steve Clarke recapturing the full-back slot he lost because of Uefa's "foreigners" rule. John Spencer, Clarke's fellow Scot, who did not travel to Prague with the team, will make way for him as Hoddle employs a solitary striker, Paul Furlong. "Our aim will be to score one goal and that will bury the tie," Hoddle explained.

Having scored that goal, Chelsea should be better prepared to defend it. In the first leg, Viktoria came back to draw level, briefly, after conceding two early goals. "They showed a lot more character than I expected," Hoddle said.

Blackburn may need to spend again

BY PETER BALL

BLACKBURN Rovers' untimely exit from Europe at the hands of the unfashionable Swedish part-timers of Trelleborgs FF has given their multi-millionaire owner, Jack Walker, cause for thought. It will not deflect him from his determination to see his club at the pinnacle of the game, even if it means massive further expenditure.

He reiterated his belief that the club "will win some silverware this season" but, on the evidence of their showing in Trelleborg, that looks a long way off unless Kenny Dalglish spends again. So, more ventures into the transfer market can be expected.

On Tuesday the limitations in their direct, hard-running game were apparent. "Collectively, we didn't perform as well as we have done in the Premiership," Colin Hendry, the centre half, said. With Shearer outstanding, they have looked a formidable team domestically, but even then they have played their best football only after their direct approach has made the initial breakthrough.



Walker: determined

On Tuesday they had a bit more to offer than in the first leg, but that is damning with faint praise. Against a well-organised and determined Swedish defence, they never dominated the game.

When chances did occur, Shearer was not at his sharpest, putting one free header straight at the goalkeeper and failing to turn in Le Saux's perfect cross. But the main problem was, with Ripley and Wilcox stifled, that they failed to make enough good chances.

The return of Batty, who has gone back into plaster, will help, but much as the former destroyer in the Leeds midfield has developed, he is no Cantona or Beardsley, and a player of that ilk will not come cheap.

Some outlay certainly appears necessary. Blackburn were unlucky to lose Tony Gale with a twisted knee before half-time, but their defence had already looked vulnerable to the pace of the Trelleborgs FF front pair.

The departure of David May and the retirement of Kevin Moran have left gaps and, to make matters worse in the Trelleborgs FF games, Hendry had an unhappy time, as he admitted with disarming honesty.

"I've had a nightmare over the two games," the Scottish international said. "I should have prevented two of their goals — the one at Ewood and the first tonight were both down to me."

Hendry though was not alone in his culpability. Blackburn failed as a team, and the stunned looks as they left the field while the Swedes exulted told their own story.

Klinsmann ties up deal

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

SEVEN television crews and assorted radio reporters, journalists, photographers and PR flunkies gathered in the Bill Nicholson Suite at White Hart Lane yesterday, all eager to witness the latest bout of Klinsmania. They were not disappointed. Jürgen Klinsmann, the Germany and Tottenham Hotspur striker, signed a football boots sponsorship deal worth at least £1 million. And, as ever, he came across as a nice man. A very, very nice man.

Klinsmann, 30, has joined Reebok, the United States-based sporting leisurewear group, and will wear its Integrity Pro boot, starting in the FA Carling Premiership match against Wimbledon at Selhurst Park on Saturday.

It is believed to be one of the biggest boot deals in football and Klinsmann, signed by Tottenham for £2 million from AS Monaco during the summer, will be able to improve his earnings because of performance-related clauses in his contract. If he finishes as leading goalscorer in the Premiership, or Tottenham win a trophy, the Klinsmann coffers would be swelled significantly. "Much will depend on how the product sells," Peter Moore, vice-president of global marketing for Reebok International, said. "Royalties can be anywhere from three to eight per cent."

Klinsmann, who negotiated the contract without the need of an agent or advisers, joins the same commercial camp as Ryan Giggs, Andy Cole and Dennis Bergkamp. Eventually, he will help in the developing and marketing of his own brand-name boot. "I'm hoping to take part in all aspects of it," he said. "Maybe that's where my future lies after playing. Who knows?"

Wales will have to do without Mark Hughes, the Manchester United forward, for their European championship group seven qualifying match in Moldavia on October 12. Hughes missed the 2-0 win over Albania earlier this month because of a groin injury and, with him needing frequent periods of rest, he has not recovered sufficiently to be able to play for United and Wales. Iwan Roberts or Nathan Blake will replace him alongside Ian Rush.

WALES SQUAD: N Southall (Everton); A Roberts (Queens Park Rangers), K Symons (Portsmouth), A Williams (Reading), C Coleman (Crystal Palace), M Bowen (Norwich City), J Goss (Norwich City), P Bodin (Swindon Town); A Melville (Sunderland), B Horne (Everton), D Phillips (Nottingham Forest), G Speed (Leeds United), M Pembridge (Derby County), I Rush (Liverpool), R Giggs (Manchester United), I Roberts (Leicester City), N Blake (Sheffield United), J Cornforth (Swansea).

Hard-line threat to basketball

THE gates are closed at Major League Baseball parks in the United States and, in a parallel development to the problems that jeopardise the National Hockey League ice hockey season, salary-cap issues now cloud the future of the National Basketball Association (NBA).

The prevailing mood of hard-line stands on salary caps may carry over into the NBA, the players' union leader, Charles Grantham, said, adding that a lockout would not surprise him.

There is no labour agreement in force in the NBA, and owners are reported to be considering a lockout if one is not reached by Thanksgiving Day, November 24. They want to make the league's salary cap less flexible, a move opposed by the players.

Russ Granik, the NBA's deputy commissioner, told *The New York Times* that there was no immediate cause for alarm and that he had heard no talk of a lockout.

Grantham, however, said: "When you start looking at that kind of environment, in football, baseball, hockey and basketball, it doesn't surprise me that [NBA] owners would be floating the rumour of a potential lockout."

The league, however, says such talk is premature, since there are six weeks remaining to work out an agreement before the start of the season.

The NBA's salary caps, instituted in 1983, when the league was in grave financial trouble. The union believes that, with the league now making great profits, the salary cap restricts player movement and limits salaries.

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Support for road race epitomises year

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE British Athletic Federation (BAF), in an inauspicious year, suffered another embarrassment yesterday when what was intended to be Britain's most financially rewarding ten-kilometre road race was cancelled because of lack of entries and a sponsor.

Offering some £35,000 in prize-money, the Halloween Run in Birmingham on October 30 was to have been the governing body's first direct involvement in a mass participation road event, but Ian Stewart, the head of promotions for the BAF, admitted that not enough effort had been put into ensuring its success.

The federation has faced many awkward issues this year: the Andy Norman inquiry, the resignation of Frank Dick, and a sequence of failed drugs tests. "Given the situation we have been in all year, we have not had a great deal of time to work on anything other than the season," Stewart said.

"When it was mooted last November, it was the right thing to do, and I am still convinced it is a great idea for the federation to get involved in a big road race. Not just for the top end, but for grass roots distance running"

The federation was promoting the race in conjunction with the British Dyslexia Association and Birmingham City Council. At the launch in April, Ian Smythe, the event director, said: "We are confident on the numbers." He had set a target of "at least 10,000", and was so sure of securing a sponsor that the launch took place before one was found.

Only 255 entries were received. Stewart hopes it will do better next autumn. "The city council and federation are keen on it being held next year," he said.

Also for want of a sponsor, the BAF has had to cancel its planned celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of Britain's success at the Olympic Games in Tokyo. The British Athletics Writers' Association (BAWA) agreed to the BAF's request to host the celebration at its dinner, on October 29.

"We are very unhappy that this celebration has had to be cancelled," Ian Chadband, the secretary of the BAWA, said. "We were relying on the federation to find a sponsor. They are supposed to be the experts in this field."

The success of the Roger Bannister four-minute mile fortieth anniversary celebrations in May prompted the federation to plan a Tokyo '64 evening with Mary Rand, Ann Packer, Lynn Davies and Ken Matthews, Britain's gold medal-winners.

Champions avoid drama and share lead

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PARIS

IT WOULD not be France if there were not a little bit of drama, the odd shrug here and there and just a hint of *je ne sais quoi* to enliven the proceedings, and in that respect everything was just as it should be on the opening day of the sixteenth women's world amateur team golf championship at the French National yesterday.

Spain, the defending champions, and Australia survived more or less unscathed, to share the lead on 140, four under par, a stroke ahead of France, South Korea and the United States. The woes of the Great Britain and Ireland side, on 156, were confined to the golf course.

A promising brouhaha about professionals as caddies blew itself out when Italy and Sweden were persuaded that, while not specifically against the rules of the Espirito Santo trophy, it was against the spirit.

However, there was a minor explosion when the careful preparations of the New Zealanders and the Swiss were undermined by a touch of carlessness that was completely avoidable. Susan Farron and Sophie Ducrey, paired together, failed to appear when called by the starter and each was penalised two shots. Vehement protests that they had been in the vicinity at the correct time and had heard no summons fell, so to speak, on deaf ears.

Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient, and one of the coven of referees, said simply, "The starter said they weren't there. One girl was but the others weren't."

Erika Diaz, of Mexico, the third member of the group, was the player within earshot and she hit every shot in her round of 81 but Farron and Ducrey had to sign for 75s that they felt were not. There is no loudspeaker system in use because the configuration of the course makes it awkward — too many greens are within earshot of the first tee and it was a particular shame for New Zealand because Kerryn Starr, the only newcomer in their side, who came in with a 71. The only people cutting Starr's tee time a little fine were her parents and boyfriend, who have spent most of their time in Paris getting lost.

Also a little adrift, if not quite lost, were the Great Britain and Ireland trio of Kirsty Speak, Lisa Walton and Julie Hall, languishing in 25th place, just ahead of Mexico. Bermuda, the Czech Republic and Portugal. Walton, out in level par, was thrown by a triple bogey seven at the 10th and could do no better than a 78, six over par. Speak returned the same score and hopes of a salvaging operation by Julie Hall sank, literally, at the last. Twice she misjudged her pitch to the green and put two balls in the water, to run up a nine and a round of 80.

"We're slow starters," Speak said optimistically, but being *lente a l'allumage* — slow to spark — means being left at the starting gate in this company.

First-class showing by England players decides day

GRAHAM Brooks of Maidstone, Kent, has won the Fourth Innings of our First Class XI cricket game with his team, 46 All Out. His prize for selecting the highest-scoring team in the game is a JVC Nicam television and video equipment worth more than £1,000, a Sky satellite dish and decoder with one year's free subscription and a bat signed by the England and South Africa Test players.

Mr Brooks's XI featured strong performances from three England players — Graeme Hick, Steven Rhodes and Darren Gough — and two bowlers, Mark Ilott and Martin McCague, a replacement for the injured Waqar Younis. The three runners-up will receive two 1995 county memberships of their choice.

Entrants to the First Class XI game were required to pick an imaginary team of 11 real players and every run those players made and every wicket they took counted towards the team score. One point was awarded for each run and 20 points for each wicket. Wicketkeeping dismissals (catches and stumpings) counted as wickets. That competition ran throughout the summer. The subsequent Fourth Innings was one of three short and self-contained phases of the game.

The prize for winning the First Class XI game, produced by exclusive arrangement with the Test and County Cricket Board and in association with Canon UK, was a trip for two to any Test match in the world in 1995.

Player	Runs	Wkts	Pts
G A Gooch	269	0	269
V P Terry	477	0	477
J P Crawley	369	0	369
R J Bailey	488	5	588
M P Vaughan	191	1	211
G A Hick	463	4	543
S J Rhodes	219	18	579
S D Udal	199	17	539
D Gough	117	24	597
M J McCague	156	25	656
M C Ilott	80	29	660
TOTAL	3,023	128	5,483

run = 1pt; 1 wkt = 20pts

Husband and wife partnership line up for success

Loten has measure of improbable challenge

BY STUART JONES

THE pin was 90 yards away. Mike Loten, as he was handed the nine-iron he had requested, was told by his female caddie to beware of the small tree directly in line with the flag fluttering on the 7th green. To any other golfer, the advice would have been superfluous, even obstructive.

But Loten has a handicap greater than any weekend hacker. Since he was born, the day after the Second World War was declared, he has been blind. The bomb that subsequently blasted the area around his home, as he put it, "did not help".

Five years ago he recognised that he was too old to continue with cricket, played with an oversized ball full of lead shot. He gave up darts and bowls as well and turned to the most improbable of sporting challenges. Golfers are supposed to visualise shots before they play them.

Apart from fueling a natural competitive instinct, he reasons that, other than being allowed to ground clubs in bunkers, no other dispensations need to be offered.

"It is a silly game really, grown men smacking a ball, but I could play against a Faldo. I couldn't play cricket against a Cowdrey." His disability, rather than being an inhibition, has been an impetus. "It *is* sheer pigheadedness," he said.

"No one is going to tell me that I can't play golf." He couldn't have, though, without the help first of a teacher and then of a guide to point him in the right direction.

Initially, his handicap was an unpromising 45. Last month he won the Japanese Open in Tokyo, in temperatures which demanded ice-cubes to be wrapped in a towel around his neck, and yesterday he represented England in the Chesterton Old Enemy Cup against Scotland at Ingestre, in the Staffordshire countryside.

Loten's tutor was Chris Miller, once the professional at Leeds Castle and now at Poult Wood, near Tonbridge. He is also the national manager and he explained why the sport should have attracted more than 70 to join the organisation entitled English Blind Golf, inaugurated a dozen years ago.

"Someone told me that it is the difference between being in control of everything within arm's length and something a couple of a hundred yards away."

Once informed of the yardage and the obstacles, the visually impaired sense the target as they go through routines which appear largely to be normal.

With one obvious difference. Before each shot, the caddie must line up the club face with the intended target. On the green the same process is followed. Because the senses of the blind are so acute, they can occasionally walk along the line of a putt and know instinctively the path it will follow. Loten's assistant for the past year has been his wife, Joyce. She has never played golf in her life. "If anybody is to blame, then it is going to be me," he says.

Nevertheless, given the profound frustrations of "the most unnatural game for natural sportsmen and women," as golf has been described, the partnership might have induced rows of volcanic proportion. "We don't argue," he chuckled, "on the course." Not even in the sweltering heat of Tokyo, where she lost her own diffidence.

"I have to paint a picture," she said, "and tell him everything that is in front of him." Throughout the round, they held hands. Loten's partner in the foursomes, Roy McKnight, gripped one end of a putter, which he used with extraordinary accuracy, and the other was loosely clasped by his caddie.

Other than hotel accommodation and travelling expenses, the dozen competitors from each nation received no pecuniary reward for the three-day event, which is organised and run by unpaid volunteers. England, with tothe four balls today and singles tomorrow to come, have built a commanding 5-1 lead, although the the competitor with the lowest handicap was a Scot who plays, remarkably, off nine.

The standard veered from the moderate to the astonishing. "The worst thing is silence after you've hit your shot," Loten said. "You can feel it when it is a bad one but you don't know how bad it is. You just wait to be told that the ball has gone into a bunker or the deep rough."

Loten, who is to be accompanied in a fortnight by his wife to the Australian Open and the world championship, both to be staged in Perth, and his partner hit virtually every fairway and green in regulation. At the turn, they were dormie nine and shook hands with their opponents on the 12th.

At the 19th hole, as among any gathering in any clubhouse, the discussions revolved around the decisive strokes. "At the 7th I knew that if I hit that nine-iron properly," Loten recalled casually, "it should go the right distance." His chip stopped a mere four feet from the hole.

JOHN POTTER



Loten's wife, Joyce, helps him prepare a shot against Scotland at Ingestre yesterday

SPORT IN BRIEF

Challenge over for Gatehouse

MARK Gatehouse, the British solo yachtsman who had been challenging for first place in the BOC Challenge, pulled out yesterday and is sailing back to England (Barry Pickthall writes). The Plymouth-based yachtsman, sailing the eight-year-old ketch, *Queen Anne's Battery Marina*, had closed to within 50 miles of Isabelle Autissier, the race leader, when he telexed the race organisers from mid-Atlantic to say that he was retiring from the race round the world for "strictly personal" reasons.

"I had great difficulty concentrating on the race, but hoped that, as I started to do well, my mind would drop on the case in hand," he said. "Sadly, even moving up among the star boats didn't help." Gatehouse, who owns a marina in Plymouth, had plans to take over a second business earlier this year, but the offer was refused. Then, on the eve of the race start, two weeks ago, the deal was reopened, putting his plans for this 27,000-mile race in jeopardy.

Lynch decides to move

CRICKET: Monte Lynch, who scored more than 16,000 runs for Surrey, has signed a two-year contract with Gloucestershire, the county that turned him down in 1976. Philip August, the Gloucestershire chief executive, said yesterday: "Apart from the help he can give our young batsmen, he is an excellent one-day cricketer, something we badly need."

The Pakistan cricket authorities have decided to investigate allegations that Test players were betting on the result of games in which they were playing. Officials in Karachi said no formal inquiry was planned because they did not give much credence to the charges, which were apparently levelled by anonymous callers after the tour of Sri Lanka last month, when Pakistan lost a one-day international.

Xinhua lifts England

TABLE TENNIS: England defeated Austria 4-2 in a five-hour opening match in the European Superleague in Linz late on Tuesday (Richard Eaton writes). Chen Xinhua, 34, England's former China international, was the key player, winning twice despite becoming embroiled in a five-minute argument when the umpire called a foul service against him. Carl Prean and Matthew Syed, the Oxford University student, scored England's other victories.

Pilgrim's progress

RUGBY UNION: Steve Pilgrim will make a belated return to the Wasps league team against Leicester on Saturday, 20 months after forfeiting his amateur status by playing rugby league. After spending the mandatory year out under international board rules, Pilgrim hoped to return at the end of last season, but a leg injury prevented that and also delayed his recall this month. Pilgrim will play on the wing, although full back is his principal position.

Challenge launched

GOLF: A team tournament between leading players from southern Africa and Australasia was launched yesterday. The Alfred Dunhill Challenge will be held biennially, starting in Johannesburg next February, and will alternate between the continents. Two eight-man teams will compete, the first six players of each being selected automatically from the world rankings. They will be joined by two wild cards, picked by the non-playing captains.

Season faces delay

ICE HOCKEY: The start of the National Hockey League season is likely to be postponed after talks between the league and players' representatives broke down in Toronto yesterday. Players, due to begin the season on Saturday, are threatening to strike unless their pay demands are met. The issue at stake is similar to the salary-cap plan that led to a players' strike and recent cancellation of the Major League Baseball season.

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BOWLS

PRESTON: Bags International: First round: A Marshall (Scot) bt N Burrows (Eng) 7-4, 1-7, 7-6; W Richards (Eng) bt K Adams (Scot) 7-6, 0-7, 7-1; D Holt (Eng) bt T Alcock (Eng) 7-5, 7-1. Second round: A Thomson (Eng) bt Marshall 7-4, 7-4.

CYCLING

PISA: SABATINI CUP (207km): 1, M Fondriest (It) Sw 5min 56sec; 2, F Casagrande (It); 3, C Chiappucci (It); 4, V Bobrik (Russ); 5, J Slaiby (Den); 6, R Caruso (It), 7, R Millar (GB) all same time.

EQUESTRIANISM

WEMBLEY: Horse of the Year Show: National Grade A: 1, Wessex Zekiah (P Sutton) clear round, 48.84sec; 2, It's The Business (G Glazzard) clear, 51.42; 3, Wessex Fields of Athenry (P Sutton) 3 faults in 44.0. Daily Mail Christy Leading Junior Show Jumper of the Year: 1, Melkmeet Mystic (P Barker) clear, 28.93; 2, Mr Polo (R McDonald) clear, 31.09; 3, Lady Goor (R Clarkson) clear, 32.10.

FOOTBALL

Uefa Cup

First round, second leg
B DORTMUND (D) 2; MOTHERWELL (S) 0
9,362
Sent off: Arnott (Motherwell) 32.
(Borussia Dortmund win 3-0 on agg)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich 2 Oxford Utd 1, Luton 1 Portsmouth 0. Second division: Cardiff 4 Exeter 0.

SCHOOLS: Boodle and Dunthorne Independent Schools Cup: First round: John Lyon 7 Highgate 1; Wolverhampton GS 2 Lancing 0; Hulme GS 0 Forest 0 (aet, Forest win 4-2 on pens); QEGS Blackburn 3 Kimbolton 1.

Tuesday's results
UEFA CUP: First round, second leg: Newcastle United 5 Antwerp (Bel) 2 (Newcastle United 10-2 on agg), Odense BK (Den) 5 Linfield 0 (Odense BK win 6-1 on agg); Trelleborgs FF (Swe) 2 Blackburn 2 (Trelleborgs FF win 3-2 on agg), Lillestroem (Nor) 0 Bordeaux (Fr) 2 (Bordeaux won 5-1 on agg), Eintracht Frankfurt (Ger) 2 SCT Olympia (Slovenia) 0 (Frankfurt won 3-1 on agg); Slavia Prague (Czech) 2 AIK Solna (Swe) 2 (2-2 on agg, AIK won on away goals); Klepest Honved (Hun) 1 Twente Enschede (Holl) 3 (Klepest won 5-4 on agg); Dynamo Moscow (Rus) 0 RFS Seraing (Bel) 1 (4-4 on agg, Dynamo won on away goals); Skonto Riga (Latvia) 0 Napoli (It) 1 (Napoli won 3-0 on agg); Narasa (Fra) 3 Rotor Volgograd (Rus) 0 (Nantes won 5-3 on agg); Ans Salonica (Gr) 1 GKS Katowice (Pol) 0 (1-1 on agg, GKS won 4-3 on pens), Fenerbahce (Turk) 1 Cannes (Fr) 5 (Cannes won 9-1 on agg); Maritima Funchal (Port) 1 FC Aarau (Switz) 0 (Maritima won 1-0 on agg), Kaiserslautern (Ger) 4 Akranes (Iceland) 1 (Kaiserslautern won 6-1 on agg); FC Copenhagen (Den) 1 Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) 1 (Bratislava won 2-1 on agg); Athletico Bilbao (Sp) 3 Anorthosis (Cyp) 0 (Bilbao won 3-2 on agg); Gornik Zabzze (Pol) 1 Admira Wacker (Austria) 1 (Admira won 6-3 on agg); Charleroi (Bel) 2 Rapid Bucharest (Rom) 1 (Rapid won 3-2 on agg), Innsbruck (Aut) 5 Dynamo Tbilsi (Georgia) 1 (Innsbruck won 5-2 on agg); PSV Eindhoven (Hol) 0 Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 0 (Leverkusen won 5-4 on agg), Parma (It) 2 Vitesse (Hol) 0 (Parma won 2-1 on agg), Juventus (It) 5 CSKA Sofia (Bul) 1 (Juventus won 7-4 on agg); Lazio (It) 4 Dynamo Minsk (Ukraine) 1 (Lazio won 4-1 on agg), Deportivo Corufia (Sp) 4 Rosenborg (Nor) 1 (aet, Deportivo won 4-2 on agg); Marseille (Fra) 3 Olympiakos (Gr) 0 (Marseille won 5-1 on agg); Sporting Lisbon (Por) 2 Real Madrid (Sp) 1 (2-2 on agg, Real won on away goals); Sion (Switz) 2 Apollon Limassol (Cyprus) 3 (aet, Sion won 5-4 on agg)

COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, second leg: Brentford 0 Tranmere 0 (Tranmere won 0-1 on agg), Charlton 1 Swindon 4 (aet, 4-4 after 90 min, Swindon win 5-4 on agg); Middlesbrough 4 Scarborough 1 (Middlesbrough won 8-2 on agg), Notts County 3 Bristol City 0 (Notts County win 4-0 on agg), Sheffield United 1 Stockport 0, (Sheffield United win 6-1 on agg), Wolverhampton 1 Chesterfield 1 (Wolverhampton win 4-2)

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: First round: Northern section: Darlington 2 Carlisle 3; Hull 0 Doncaster 2, Scunthorpe 1 Rotherham 3, Crewe 0 Wrexham 0; Blackpool 1 Rochdale 2, Preston 1 Chester 1. Southern section: Cardiff 2 Plymouth 0, Hereford 4 Torquay 2; Oxford Utd 2 Bristol Rovers 2; Gillingham 1 Brighton 1; Colchester 1 Leyton Orient 0; Barnet 0 Cambridge Utd 2; Peterborough 3 Birmingham 5

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 1 Stalyondge 0; Bromsgrove 5 Yeovil 0; Dover 1 Dag And Red 1; Kettering 4 Merthyr 1, Northwich 2 Gateshead 1, Welling 1 Stevenage 0; Woking 2 Bath 2.

B&Q SCOTTISH CUP: Second round: Airdrie 1 Raith 1 (aet, Airdrie won 5-3 on pens), Alloa 1 Clydebank 3, Ayr 4 Stranraer 2, Dunfermline 4 Hamilton 2; East Fife 0 Cowdenbeath 3, Greenock Morton 4 St Johnstone 3 (aet, 3-3 after 90min); Montrose 3 Stirling 0.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 1 West Bromwich 2, Everton 4 Sunderland 0. Second division: Bradford 0 Huddersfield 2, Manchester City 2 Oldham 3, Sheffield Wednesday 0 Burnley 1.

FA CUP: Second qualifying round: Replays: Tow Law Town 2 South Shields 1, Hinckley Athletic 0 Eastwood Hanley 1, Telford United 3 Halesowen Town 1, Tiptree United 2 Hitchin Town 4; Selsdon Town 3 Barking 2, Gravesend and Northfleet 1 Bromley 1; Peacehaven and Telscombe 3 Margate 5

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 0 Marlow 0; Yeading 7 St Albans 2. First division: Heybridge Swifts 2 Boreham Wood 3, Wivenhoe 0 Uxbridge 1. Second division: Banstead Athletic 0 Witham 7, Cheshunt 1 Windsor and Eton 1, Edgware 1 Tilbury 2; Egham 0 Leatherhead 2; Hampton 3 Bracknell 1; Hemel Hempstead 1 Saffron Walden 1; Metropolitan Police 3 Ware 1. Third division: Bedford Town 5 Harlow 0, Camberley 3 Kingsbury 1, Cove 1 Feltham and Hounslow B 4; Flackwell Heath 1 Tring 1, Hornchurch 0 Epsom and Ewell 1; Hoddesdon 2 Harefield 1. Carlsberg Cup: First round: Premier and first divisions: Whyteleafe 0 Basingstoke Town 3; Dorking 3 Dulwich Hamlet 1. Second and third divisions: Southall 4 Clapton 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Gainsborough 3 Matlock 2, Marine 4 Witton 1; Morecambe 3 Spennymoor 2. First division: Bamber Bridge 1 Warrington Town 0, Curzon Ashton 2 Ameotor LR 1, Frickley Colls 1 Radcliffe Borough 1, Fleetwood 1 Gretna 0, Glossop Town 0 Blyth Spartans 2, Harrogate Town 1 Eastwood Town 2, Netherfield 1 Lancaster Cir, 3 Workington 2 Gt Harwood Town 1

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: First round. Second leg: Conwy 2 Flint Town 2 (5-5 on agg, Conwy won on away goals), Newtown 0 Llansantffraed 2 (Llans won 4-2 on agg)

TNT GOLD CUP: Quarter-finals: Glenavon 0 Crusaders 1

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES First division: Bacup Borough 1 Clitheroe 1, Blackpool Rovers 2 Prescot 1; Chadderton 1 Salford City 1, Maine Road 0 Bradford Park Avenue 3, Rossendale Utd 4 Penrith 0, Trafford 4 Bootle 0

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Westbury United 2 Taunton Town 2, Chippenham Town 1 Frome Town 0. Elmore 2 Bideford 0, Oak Park 4 Bridport 1, Paulton Rovers 2 Thatcham Town 1

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round. Chipstead 1 Crawley 3

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 2 North Ferriby 2, Gainsborough Wanderers 3 Lincoln United 7, Hucknall 1 Sheffield 3, Liversedge 2 Denaby 1, Maltby Mill 2 Pickering 1, Thackley 5 Farsley AFC 0, Osset Albion 1 Armthorpe Welfare 0

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Horsham 4 Newhaven 0, Sherwood 1 Burgess Hill 0, Portfield 1 Whitehawk 1 Shoreham 0 Arundel 0

GOLF

PARIS: Women's world amateur team championship: 140: Australia (JHP Knight 69, K Webb 71, Stone (M Ashton 72, S Beaufoy 70), 141: South Korea (Ok Yeon Kwon 70, So Ri Pak 71), United States (K Wore 69, S Ingram 72), France (S De Grandpre 69, K Mourgue 72), 142: Italy (M Zanetti 69, C Quintarelli 73), 143: Belgium, 144: Denmark, 145: Japan, 148: New Zealand, 147: Austria, Brazil, Colombia, Sweden, 149: South Africa, Canada, 150: Germany, Taiwan, 152: Norway, Ireland, 153: Argentina, Switzerland, 154: Finland, 155: Iceland, 156: Great Britain and Ireland (L Walton 75, K Speak 78, J Hall 80), 157: Mexico, 159: Bermuda, 182: Czech Republic, 188: Portugal. * denotes non-counting score

GOLF FOUNDATION TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SCHOOLS: Whitchurch, Cardiff: 242: Llanishen High School (G Reynolds 77, H Reece 80, A Gay 79), 243: Radyr Comprehensive 243, 245: Bassaleg Comprehensive. Best individual: P Donovan, Pencoed Comprehensive 74.

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TABLE TENNIS

LINZ, Austria: European League: Group A: Germany 4 Poland 3, Sweden 4 France 2. Group B: Denmark 4 Belgium 1, England 4 Austria 2 (England names Nott: C Prean lost to Ding Yi 19-21, 19-21, Chen Qinqing bt Qian Qiang 21-15, 21-9, M Syed bt W Schlager 17-21, 21-15, 21-16, Chen and Prean lost Schlager and B Jacobsen 18-21, 21-14, Chen bt Ding 14-21, 21-17, 21-15-21, Prean bt Schlager 21-12, 21-14.

TENNIS

PALERMO: Sicily, Men's tournament: First round: H Dreekmann (Ger) bt G Solves (Fr) 6-4, 6-2, V Spadea (US) bt J Sanchez (Sp) 7-5, 7-5, A Corretja (Sp) bt D Johnson (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, J Bunito (Sp) bt A Costa (Sp) 7-6, 5-7, 6-2, E Sanchez (Sp) bt G Markus (Arg) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 (ret), A Boksastegui (Sp) bt P Cane (It) 7-6, 6-3.

LEIPZIG: Women's tournament: First round: N Medvedeva (Ukraine) bt A Simedova (Czech) 6-4, 6-3, J Novotna (Czech) bt M McGrath (US) 3-6, 6-0, 7-5, S Farina (It) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-1, 6-0, B Rittner (Ger) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 6-1, 7-5, J Wiesner (Austria) bt D Monami (Bel) 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. Second round: J Novotna (Cz) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-2, 7-5, S Cecchini (It) bt K Po (US) 6-2, 6-4, E Schultz (Holl) bt C Singer (Ger) 6-2, 6-3, M Pierce (Fr) bt M Wardel (US) 6-0, 6-1, I Majoli (Cro) bt L Raymond (US) 6-0, 6-4.

BASLE, Men's tournament: First round: C Casati (It) bt M Damm (Cz) 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, J Svensson (Swe) bt T Guardiola (Fr) 7-6, 6-4, L Pimp (Fr) bt D Rikl (Cz) 6-2, 6-1, J-P Fleurian (Fr) bt R Agenor (Haiti) 6-4, 6-4, J Palmer (US) bt M Goellner (Ger) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, V Kafelnikov (Rus) bt D Vacek (Cz) 6-4, 6-3.

KUALA LUMPUR: Men's tournament: First round: L Paes (India) bt D Adam (Aus) 7-6, 7-6, T Woodbridge (Aus) bt J Tarango (US) 6-1, 7-5, A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt M Petchey (GB) 6-7, 7-5, 6-3.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Cup Winners' Cup
First round, second leg
Arsenal (3) v Omonia Nicosia (1) (8.0)
Club Brugge (2) v Sligo Rovers (1) (7.00)
Viktoria Presov (2) v Dundee Utd (3) (5.00)
Viktoria Zizkov (2) v Chelsea (4) (8.0)

Uefa Cup
First round, second leg
Aston Villa (0) v Internazionale (1) (8.0)

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Bolton (7.0), Notts County v Stoke (7.0: Tranmere v Notts Forest (7.0)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham v Bristol City (at St Albans City)

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Basingbourne v Gillingham, Aldershot Town v Woking

BOODLE AND DUNTHORNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION CUP: Ardingly v Bolton, St Bedes v Charterhouse

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN: First leg: Thames Valley v Bologna (8.0)

BOWLS: Saga International Open (Guild Hall, Preston)

EQUESTRIANISM: Horse of the Year Show (Wembley).

SPEEDWAY: British League (7.30 unless stated): First division: Ipswich v Arena Essex. Second division: Middlesbrough v Sheffield

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Pakistan bowlers meet strong resistance after making early gains

Australia revived by Bevan's first aid

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN KARACHI

MICHAEL Bevan could have made a more encouraging start to his Test career, which began here yesterday among the rubble of the Australian innings, but not by very much. When he was finally out for a highly impressive 82, he had helped the touring side reach a respectable score. By the close, when the score stood at 325 for seven, Warne falling to the last ball of the day, it was a decent one.

Bevan's effort, compounded by those of Steve Waugh and Ian Healy, reshaped this first Test after four wickets had gone for 95. Waugh made 73 from 84 balls and positively sparkled. Healy, the obdurate wicketkeeper, is still there on 54, within middle-distance range of his third Test hundred.

Eventually, therefore, Australia made good use of their captain's winning call in the morning. Mark Taylor, whose first toss as captain it was, can only have admired the thoroughness that Bevan, his left-handed New South Wales team-mate, took to the water of Test cricket. The 121 runs he shared for the fifth wicket with Waugh came at four an over as the Pakistanis wilted.

For such a good side they look a sloppy bunch. Decent fielding would have robbed the Australians of at least 30 runs and the ball service to Wasim Akram was at times appalling. No wonder he looked thoroughly brassed off. A fine spell towards the end, which went without reward, did not improve his mood.

Wasim did not bowl flat out, or anything like. He tested Waugh early on with the short ball, and bounced Warne later, but achieved his two wickets through variation of pace (Taylor) and fullness of length (Slater). He was by some distance the best bowler. Waqar lacked menace and Mushtaq, despite taking three wickets, struggled to pitch his leg break accurately.

The bowling contrasted sharply with the batting. If the Pakistanis learnt anything yesterday it was that, no matter what the scoreboard says, the Australians usually find someone capable of resistance. This is a strong batting side in spirit as much as talent. With no shortage of gifted pretenders awaiting their chance, the men in possession must justify their selection.

Bevan has jumped to the head of the queue. At 24 he is a year older than Damien Martyn and four years senior to Ricky Ponting, the free-scoring Tasmanian. Clearly Bevan's wait for Test recognition has conferred maturity on his young shoulders, because he looks a fine prospect.

He was a shade unlucky not to join Mark Waugh and the 14 other Australians who made a century on their Test debut. Advancing to drive Mushtaq, he middled the ball well enough but saw Aamir dive to his left at extra cover to hold a fine catch. On a day of shoddy outcricket, it was a moment of rare quality.

Bevan looks good. In the way that Australians often do. Not for them those ugly variations of stance that so many English batsmen favour as some form of post-adolescent therapy. His strokeplay has a comforting orthodoxy, which is not the same thing as dullness. His driving on both sides of the wicket was crisp and powerful.

On top of that, and, after all, it is the first time one of batsmanship was his admirable temperament. He appeared to be out there by right. Such maturity should see him through a season in purgatory or a summer with Yorkshire, which is much the same thing.

For the last two English summers Bevan has played at Rawtenstall in the Lancashire League. In the first of them he broke the club's aggregate record before walking out in a fit of pique. Bit by bit he is learning and the evidence of that education was on view yesterday.

Waugh was cross with himself, properly, for getting out when he was dominating the bowlers so completely. Intoxicated by a beautiful drive past mid-off for his thirteenth boundary, he attempted a similar stroke to Waqar's next ball, of fuller length, and lost his off stump for his audacity.

His lovely innings compensated for the failure of brother Mark to build on a characteristically elegant start. His was the least forgivable loss as he pushed feebly at Mushtaq's flipper and gave short leg a simple catch.

Few batsmen provide such delight as Mark Waugh when he is in. Nobody irritates quite so much when he gets out in such a manner. There is still time for him to make the runs that would take him from the ranks of the very good to those of the truly outstanding but do not put your life savings on it.

MUZAMMIL PASHA



Boon has his off stump pegged back in Karachi yesterday, much to the delight of Mushtaq, left, the bowler

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M J Slater lbw b Wasim	36
*M A Taylor c and b Wasim	0
D C Boon b Mushtaq	19
M E Waugh c Zahid b Mushtaq	20
M G Bevan c Aamir b Mushtaq	82
S R Waugh b Waqar	73
†I A Healy not out	54
S K Warne c Rashid b Aamir	22
Extras (lb12, nb7)	19
Total (7 wkts)	325

J Angel, T B A May and G D McGrath to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-41, 3-75, 4-85, 5-216, 6-281, 7-325.

BOWLING: Wasim 22-3-69-2; Waqar 16-1-71-1; Mushtaq 24-2-97-3, Raza 14-1-50-0; Aamir 4-2-0-19-1, Salim 1-0-7-0.

PAKISTAN: *Salim Malik, Saeed Anwar, Aamir Sohail, Zahid Fazal, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Basit Ali, †Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Akram Raza, Mushtaq Ahmad.

Umpires: H D Bird (England) and Khizar Hayat (Pakistan).

Match referee: J Reid (New Zealand).

Nuptials in Ambridge

The Archers. *Radio 4, 7.05pm.*

Thanks to an official plan of Ambridge just published, you will now know where to find it on the map. Thanks to the frequency guide at the bottom of this page, you have always known where to find it on the dial. Tonight's episode of *The Archers* is a bit special. It has Lizzie Archer and Nigel Pargetter plighting their troth in the parish church, and it brings one of our best radio and stage actresses into the cast. Rosemary Leach plays Julia Pargetter's widowed sister Ellen, newly arrived from Spain. The BBC Pebble Mill press office, repository of all things Ambridge and Archer, are being unusually cryptic about Ellen. Julia has kept her at arm's length for 30 years. Not until tonight are we told why.

Classic Storylines: The Time Machine. *Radio 4, 8.30pm*

Because *The Time Machine* was the first novel that H.G. Wells wrote, tonight's dissection of it does not slot it into a Wellsian context. It is as if *War of the Worlds*, *The Shape of Things to Come* and *The Invisible Man* had never been written. Personally, I don't consider this a weakness in tonight's programme; previous *Classic Storylines* have followed the same path, believing, perhaps, that too many cross-references mean less concentration on the book that is under scrutiny. *The Time Machine* is a classic amalgam of adventure story and social parable. Therefore, tonight's team of distinguished contributors make this their brief.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Claire Sturgess 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud, incl at 12.50-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Lynn Parsons 4.00 Nicky Campbell, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session, presented by Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq 9.00 Kennedy-NYC: More from Radio 1's first magazine show from the United States 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Mark Tonderai

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan incl at 9.15 Pause for Thought with the Rev Frank Topping 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddlines: more comedy with Roy Hudd 7.30 Wally Whyton with the best in country music 9.00 Paul Jones featuring a session of high quality Chicago blues from Luther Allison and his band 10.00 Cajun Rouse 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride, incl at 1.30 Pause for Thought 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, including at 9.40 Film Review; 10.35 Europe News; 11.15 Gut Reaction 12.00 Midday with Meir, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay 2.05 Rascoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 The Thursday Match: Aston Villa v Inter Milan plus European Cup and Uefa Cup news 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am Night Moves 2.00-5.00 Up All Night with Richard Dallyn

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am BBC English. 5.45 Fruhmagazin 6.00 News 7.00 Morgenmagazin 7.30 Europe Today 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf: *Stamboul Train* 8.30 Network UK 9.00 News 9.10 Faith 9.15 Good Books 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 From Our Own Correspondent 10.30 Farming 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.01 Assignment 11.30 Two Cheers for September 12.00 News 12.15 BBC English 12.45 Mittagsmagazin 1.00 News 1.10 Faith 1.15 Multitrack 1.45 Sport 2.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf 3.45 Learning World 4.00 News 4.15 Greenfield Collection 5.00 News 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 News 6.05 Business Report 6.15 BBC English 7.00 News 7.30 Heute Aktuell 8.00 Kaleidoskop 9.00 News 9.10 Faith 9.15 World Today 9.30 Europe Today 10.00 News 11.05 Business Report 11.15 Network UK 11.45 Sport Midnight Newsdesk 12.30am Two Cheers for September 1.00 News 1.15 Music Review 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 On the Move 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 News 3.30 Raffles 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Focus on Faith 5.00 News

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto: Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Travel Guide 8.00 Evening Concert: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Rossini (Overture, the Thieving Magpie); Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in G minor); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 22 in E flat, K482) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyte

RADIO 3

6.30 **Open University:** IT: Fourth Generation Technology 6.55 Weather

7.00 **On Air.** Vivaldi (Flute Concerto [illegible] No 6); Fauré (Elégie); Saint-Saëns (Praeludium in D); Delius arr Fenby (Late Swallows); Dowland (Unquiet Thoughts); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor)

9.00 **Composer of the Week: Bruch** (Septet in E flat; Suite on Russian Folk Melodies, Op 79b)

10.10 **Musical Encounters:** *Artist of the Week* Tadaaki Otaka, conductor. Strauss (Don Juan, Op 20); Rascarini (Reciproco Amore; Lasciatemi morire a 3); Britten (Curlew River, excerpts); Schumann (Märchenbilder); Rachmaninov (The Isle of the Dead); Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 76 No 4); Mathias (Celtic Dances)

12.00 **Ensemble:** Stephanie Gonley, violin; James Boyd, viola; Sally Pendlebury, cello; Ronan O'Hora, piano, play Beethoven (Rondo in G, Op 51 No 2); Schoenberg (Fantasy, Op 47; Six Little Piano Pieces); Beethoven (Piano Quartet in E flat, Op 16)

1.00pm **Ulster Orchestra** under Roy Goodman, with Malcolm Binns, piano. Beethoven (Overture: Namensfeier); Weber (Piano Concerto No 2 in E flat); Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D)

2.00 **Schools:** Radio Q and A (r) 2.05 In the News 2.25 Something to Think About 2.40 Music Workshop; Sherlock Holmes

3.00 **Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra**, under Colin Davis with Wen-Sing Yang, cello and Angela Maria Blasi, soprano. Shostakovich (Cello Concerto No 1 in E flat); Mahler (Symphony No 4 in G)

4.35 **Mozart:** Christopher Kite, piano. (Piano Sonata in F)

5.00 **The Music Machine.** South American dance rhythms

5.15 **In Tune:** from Birmingham Mendelssohn (Overture: Die schöne Melusine); Wagner (Siegfried Idyll), Haydn (Piano Sonata in B minor)

7.30 **Royal Scottish National Orchestra**, under Alexander Lazarev with Dimitri Sitkovetski, violin. Brahms (Violin Concerto in D); Scriabin (Symphony No 3, Divine Poem)

9.05 **Music Hall Memoirs:** Benny Green presents an account of the life and art of Marie Lloyd: from her early days as a performer in the 1880s to her death in 1922

9.30 **Purcell and Gibbons:** music for voice and consort. Catherine Bott, soprano. Fretwork

10.15 **The Guitar in Jazz:** Charles Alexander talks to Tal Farlow whose inventive approach to jazz harmony made him one of the most distinctive and influential guitarists of the 1940s and 1950s (r)

10.45 **Night Waves:** Roy Porter looks at the effects of the First World War on artists from both sides

11.30-12.30am **Voices:** William Dazeley, baritone and Iain Burnside, piano

1.00-2.00 **Night School:** Let's Make a Story; Music Box Kapuchinski

4.45 **Short Story: Carapace**, by Romesh Gunesekera. Should a young Sri Lankan woman marry the man her mother has planned for her, a wealthy Sri Lankan businessman living in Sydney, or should she remain loyal to Vijay, a cook who fries seafood on the local beach? Read by Mamta Kaash

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 **The Masterson Inheritance:** The improvised historical saga of a family at war with itself (r)

7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers.** See Choice

7.20 **Document:** How the 1921 truce in Ireland was engineered by brilliant, but middle-ranking, British civil servants who risked everything to meet the IRA

8.00 **Entente Cordiale:** Sir Charles Powell examines the relations between Britain and France

8.30 **Classic Storylines:** See Choice

9.00 **Does He Take Sugar?** For listeners with disabilities

9.30 **Kaleidoscope** 9.58 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight**

10.45 **Book at Bedtime: The Stone Diaries**, by Carol Shields (9/10)

11.00 **21st-Century Blues:** Six-part series by Steve Walker

11.30 **The Tatum Touch:** Alun Morgan concentrates on the 1930s (r)

12.00-12.43am **News** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl half-hourly News 6.55 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 The Great Railway Bazaar by Paul Theroux 8.58 Weather

9.00 **News 9.05 Face the Facts**

9.30 **Opinion:** Mary Archer argues that market forces will be enough to meet our future energy needs, but consumers should be taught restraint

10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)

10.15 **Paradise Lost** (LW only)

10.00 **News; The Water Gypsies** (FM only): by A.P. Herbert. With Amanda Root (6/6)

10.30 **Woman's Hour** with Jenni Murray. Incl 11.00 News

11.30 **From Our Own Correspondent**

12.00 **News; You and Yours**

12.25pm **Slightly Foxed:** The literary panel game 12.55 Weather

1.00 **The World at One**

1.40 **The Archers** 1.55 Shipping

2.00 **News; Magda's Lover** by James MacVeigh. When Magda's passionate affair with hard-drinking former convict Francie seems doomed, she embarks secretly on a course which will test their love to breaking point. But how will he react? With Melanie Hudson and Con O'Neill

3.00 **Anderson Country**

4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** The long-awaited new album from REM; Magnum founder George Roger with his new book of photographs, plus Paul Allen meets the great Polish war journalist Ryszard

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Snooker pockets Sky cash

THE World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), the governing body of snooker, announced yesterday that it has signed a three-year contract worth £1.5 million with Sky Sports to broadcast three world ranking tournaments (Phil Yates writes).

In addition to the Regal Scottish Masters, which was shown last week, Sky Sports will also be covering the Regal Welsh Open, the International Open and the British Open for the next three seasons.

Vic Wakeling, the head of Sky Sports, said: "We are delighted that we have negotiated this long-term commitment to professional snooker."

John Spencer, the former world champion, who is the chairman of the WPBSA, said it was a tremendous deal.

Chinese not considered

BY CRAIG LORD

CHINESE swimmers will be snubbed by *Swimming World*, the American magazine at the forefront of its genre, when it presents its swimmer-of-the-year award in December.

The action, to be announced today by Dr Phillip Whitten, the magazine's editor, at the United States Swimming Convention in Kansas City, marks the first time that a nation has been excluded from consideration in the 35-year history of the award. It reflects the wide concern over the extraordinary performances of Chinese women at the recent world championships in Rome.

Chinese women set five world records on the way to 12 out of a possible 16 world titles in Rome. Just three years ago, there were only ten Chinese women in the top 25 in the world throughout the 13 individual Olympic events. The Chinese reject allegations of a state drugs programme along the lines of that now known to have been responsible for the 16-year dominance of the sport by East German women in the Seventies and Eighties. Three Chinese women have tested positive for steroids since 1992.

The swimmer-of-the-year award would most certainly have gone to Le Jingyi, winner of four gold medals in Rome (two of them in relays), each in a world-record time.

Dr Whitten said: "In the Seventies and Eighties, coaches and journalists stood by silently as steroid-bloated East Germans broke almost every single record in the book and claimed 44 out of 72 world titles. With China, we're faced with a pattern that's depressingly familiar."

In his speech today, he will urge Fina, the international governing body, to adopt a five-point plan of action:

☐ To call an emergency meeting to discuss how to step up the fight against drugs.

☐ To institute out-of-competition testing at 24 hours' notice, with no need to wait weeks for entry visas, and fund development of tests that can detect bio-engineered substances not detectable in existing tests.

☐ To enforce four-year suspensions for first offences and life bans for second offences.

☐ To endorse a proposal from the World Coaches Association that countries incur penalties, both financial and with national suspensions, that grow in severity with each offence committed.

☐ To award Olympic medals to those swimmers who finished behind East Germans between 1976 and 1988.

Cornel Marculescu, the director of Fina, said the Olympic medal question was one for the International Olympic Committee and for Germany itself. "It has not done anything about this issue," he said.

Of China, he said that it was not helpful to impose "special conditions" on one member nation. He urged Western journalists to travel to China and witness the "amazing" workload being endured by the nation's swimmers.

Hanley rules himself out of the action

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

APART from ruling himself out as a player for the three internationals against Australia, Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain rugby league coach, kept his cards firmly to his chest yesterday before putting his revised 25-strong squad through its paces at Headingley.

"I think we have adequate personnel for me not even to contemplate myself: there are better players than myself about," he said. As Bobby Fulton, the Australia coach, has already reminded him, he has a formidable enough task in the John Smith's series, which starts at Wembley on October 22.

Hanley has a captain in mind, but the lingering question over Garry Schofield's position will remain unclear until a final 19-man squad is announced in two weeks. Form and fitness could dictate several changes said Hanley, whose four-week tenure has changed an atmosphere of chaos created by Malcolm Reilly's abrupt departure to an air of measured assurance.

"I'm completely satisfied with everything," Hanley said, "although obviously I wish I had another six weeks under my belt." He is impressed but undaunted by the Kangaroo party, which arrives today.

He confirmed that a half-back pairing of Bobby Goulding, of St Helens, and Shaun Edwards, of Wigan, was one of several permutations.

Steve McCurrie, the Widnes hooker, is the only international in the Cumbria side for the Australians' opening tour match, at Workington on Sunday.

CUMBRIA: J Routledge (Whitehaven); D Seeds (Whitehaven), R Pape (Carlisle), C Rudd (Warrington), J Roper (Warrington); M Birkett (Salford), D Marwood (Workington); J Neill (St Helens), S McCurrie (Widnes), G Tees (Warrington), D Elliot (Warrington), R Walker (Hull), P Burns (Workington).

Chasing a level playing field on heels of apartheid

Last week, Judy Simpson, right, the former Olympic heptathlete, accompanied the Prime Minister to South Africa where she conducted coaching and sports development clinics. With Sir Bobby Charlton, Alec Stewart and Rob Andrew, she visited the townships in Cape Town and Johannesburg and talked to black competitors and administrators. This is her report on the state of South African sport.



Ten years ago, I would not have been seen dead in South Africa. For me and other black athletes the Republic was an evil empire and we totally supported the sporting boycott.

As apartheid began to crumble, there was an unseemly rush by some sports bodies to begin fixtures against South Africa. However, it was not until after elections were held in April of this year that I would have been happy to visit the country.

This was my first trip to South Africa and I was flattered to be asked by the Prime Minister to accompany him. He certainly showed some vision to have not only a woman in the party but a black woman at that.

The visit was not a holiday. It was hectic and a total learning experience for me. We met Steve Tshwete, a former inmate of Robben Island and now South Africa's sports minister. We spoke to him and members of his staff at length and were able to see exactly what the facilities are like for the black majority and the problems that the sports administrators have.

In the townships, football is the game of choice for boys, as netball is for girls, but there is certainly an interest in other sports such as athletics, in particular in running.

These technical events are more difficult because there are so few facilities in the townships. Young people want to be involved in things that are glamorous. There is not much glamour about taking part in athletics on a sandy square compared with a nice track.

As a result, many of the black athletes are attracted to the top white clubs, where there are often superb facilities. This is a legacy of the apartheid regime and this difference in sporting opportunities is something that the blacks want to eradicate.

The blacks need the facilities and equipment more than the whites and at the moment many have to travel to the white areas for training and competition. This is not the answer. What they need are tracks in their own communities. You cannot develop many top-class sportsmen or women without these being closer to hand. This is true not just of athletics but of all sports in South Africa. In the squatter camps youngsters usually play on bits of sand while only a short way away there are white colleges, schools and clubs with rolling green grass and lavish buildings. The contrast leaves you speechless.

The other advantage that the whites have is in the coaching. There is a tremendous imbalance. What the non-whites want is not so much foreign coaches running short courses for competitors but the training of South Africans to help the promising talent.

The British Government is to aid a football project under which township youths will be able to attend coaching sessions organised through South Africa's big clubs. It is also to fund the training of up to 200 athletics coaches to help the sporting development of young blacks.

These are steps in the right direction but I hope that the International Amateur Athletic Federation will use more of its funds in the same way. Support is desperately needed.

Outside Johannesburg, I spoke to one sports development officer who explained how he wanted to start a talent identification programme with youngsters invited for training and then given a square meal before returning home. However, this scheme is still waiting to be funded.

One thing that really impressed me was the "can-do" mentality of the blacks, competitors and administrators alike. Their attitude is that although things may be dreadful, they are going to make things better. I could not fail to be enthusiastic and you want to help as much as you can.

People may wonder why sport should be a priority given the other problems that the country faces. However, the disadvantaged do need a bit of escapism, a bit of healthy fun. You have to provide hope. Sport is a marvellous way of forging partnerships that eradicate differences between the races. It also gives happiness to all mankind.

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Brigitte and Barry and Beefy and Bob

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Roger Vadim may have given the world Brigitte Bardot but on the basis of last night's television it was definitely God who created Kathy Botham. Quite who that leaves to hold up a hoof — sorry, I mean hand — and say: "Ian Botham? Yup, he's one of mine," is more debatable. Perhaps I'll just suggest Brian Close and move swiftly on.

To consider, for instance, the common ground that the subjects of BBC1's curiously-scheduled double dose of docu-idolotry share. Both know their glory years are behind them, both struggle with their weight and both have reached for the bleach bottle in their time. And apart from the fact that both regularly inflict the hairstyle from hell upon their doting public, they also share the same initials — at least to friends (Beefy, this is Brigitte, etc).

But before fear of unpleasant confusion on a dark night in St Tropez overwhelms you, there are two vital differences. Only one sports a moustache and can swing the ball both ways. Let us leave **Botham** briefly on one side.

And God Created Bardot was an all-too-brief celebration of the years that the Riviera's best-known resident no longer wishes to discuss. In her absence (presumably out celebrating her sixtieth birthday with a few close furry friends) producer Joanna Bailey had assembled a small but impressively select band to wax nostalgic over splendidly evocative clips of Bardot pouting and purring her way through the 1950s and 1960s.

But first there was the big question that all tribute makers must address — that of tense. Do you cover for the future obituary by employing the past tense, or do you pay your still very much alive subject the courtesy of the present tense? The accountants win every time. "OK," you can hear the first assistant shouting on set. "places and past perfect, everyone."

Unsettling it must be, but the practice does have one benefit for living legends prematurely consigned to history. The tributes can be treated as auditions for future funeral addresses. In which case Bardot should take a long option on Jane Birkin and make a determined effort to outlive Roger Vadim ("everything she learnt at the beginning of her career, she learnt from me") and Louis Malle ("she invented this high horrible hair — we called it the *choucroute*").

Barry Norman had the best story (certainly the best rehearsed, I suspect) although how much faith you can put in the judgment of a film critic who turned down Bardot's invitation to play poker in her hotel room, I'm still not sure. But the best insights, not to mention the most arresting clip, came courtesy of Birkin, Bardot's friend and co-star of *If Don Juan were a Woman*. Mixing French and English *à la* Bardot, Birkin's view of *And God Created Woman* was that the film itself did not matter, but the title did. "Vadim created Bardot and Bardot created the new independent woman, *insouciante* — something *sauvage*."

Birkin shared happy memories, such as Bardot's even steamier version of "*Je t'aime*". "It was very, very heavy stuff and very, very hot-under-the-collar-making when you listened to it." But it was Birkin who best captured the darker side. "She doesn't seem to get much luck, fella-wise. You always get the impression that she didn't find the right person and that she'll never find the right person."

Whether Kathy Botham has found the right man was still not clear even after 50 minutes of *Botham*, at least to me. But her absolute certainty in the fact shone through. Beautiful and composed, Mrs Botham negotiated the minefield of her husband's tabloid newspaper cuttings with a steel-edged charm. Yes, she had been naive, she admitted. "Some people said I would be very naive to think that with the lifestyle that Ian's had, that he hadn't had other ladies and how naive I was to think I was the only one . . . I have been that naive."

Other marriages might have foundered on the extended absences that international cricket imposes, let alone the scandal that seems to hound her husband at every turn. But not Kathy Botham's. "These things happen and you cope with them."

A passing thought that this saintly woman was wasted on Botham, perhaps the ultimate man's man, had clearly occurred to others. "If Ian didn't have someone like Kathy, he would have struggled," reflected Sue Embury, who is married to Botham's England colleague John Embury. Bob Willis, whose sardonic wit rescued the programme from the interminable reminiscences of schoolteachers and county cricketers, was more forthright. "If Ian hadn't got married quite so early, he would have ended up in prison." It also, finally, seemed to have occurred to Botham, as an almost tearful final thank-you touchingly acknowledged.

Apart from the fact that his tear-ducts may not have been hermetically sealed at birth after all, the programme told us little new about Botham, the man. As viewers of *Question of Sport* can attest, winning is everything to him. Apart from that, he is (or should that be was?) very good at batting, bowling and fielding and in his spare time goes for long walks.

Inevitably and, as ever, enjoyably, the programme recalled the giant-slaying summer of 1981. Once again, Botham bestrode the Headingley wicket like a cricketing colossus, dispatching anything short of a length with the ferocity that Bardot once reserved for passing paparazzi. Jane Birkin would have approved. Insouciant. *Sauvage*. Very BB.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (42320)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31882707)

9.05 Kids On Kilroy. Young people talk about how they have coped with bereavement (s) (1727639) **9.30 A Word in Your Ear.** Verbal communication game (s) (58271)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8615691) **10.05 Alaska: The Last Wilderness** (4017558)

11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6183271) **11.05 Charlie's Angels** (1908417) **11.55 The History Man.** Bryan McNerney explores East Anglia's smuggling past (r) (8518962)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1868184) **12.05pm Pebble Mill Encore** with John Denver and Eartha Kitt (s) (3072165) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (16832900)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (51417)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (53410981) **1.50 Turnabout** (89122829)

2.20 FILM: Not Now, Comrade (1976) starring Leslie Phillips and Roy Kinnear. Comedy directed by Harold Snoad and Ray Cooney (9530978)

3.50 Secret Life of Toys (s) (3899504) **4.05 Animals of Farthing Wood** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2973982) **4.30 Tricks 'n' Tracks** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1323469)

4.55 Newsround (9303271) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (4275691)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (495436)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (165)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (417) **Wales:** 6.55 Party Political Broadcast (Plaid Cymru)

7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (2225)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (829)

8.00 999: Lifesavers. Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris with more tales of remarkable rescues. (Ceefax) (s) (9523)

8.30 Waiting For God. Comedy starring Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole as retirement home malcontents. (Ceefax) (s) (1558)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax); regional news and weather (4436)



Henry, Johnson and Barber (9.30pm)

9.30 Chef! Gareth Blackstock (Lenny Henry) appears on *The Anita Lawrence Show*. With Caroline Lee Johnson and Frances Barber. (Ceefax) (49523)

10.00 Inside Story: Holiday Rep. (Ceefax) (462851). **Wales:** The Slate 10.40 Inside Story 11.25 Question Time 12.25am Midnight Caller *1.10-2.40 The Drug Wars*

10.45 Question Time. David Dimbleby's guests are Clare Short, MP, Alan Clarke, Anne Kelleher and Sir Roy Calne, Cambridge Professor of Surgery. (Ceefax) (433165)

11.45 Midnight Caller. Gary Cole stars as the late-night radio 'phone-in host. (Ceefax) (s) (508349)

12.35am The Drug Wars: Camarena. Episode two of the three-part Emmy Award-winning drama (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5028924) **2.05 Weather** (3563653)

3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (r) (11030)

BBC2

6.20am Open University: Reptile Reproduction (1996504) **6.45 Maths:** The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra (5090829) **7.10** Science: Quantum Leaps into the Atom (6095875) **7.35** Geology: The *Capitan Reef* (2484504)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (8957897)

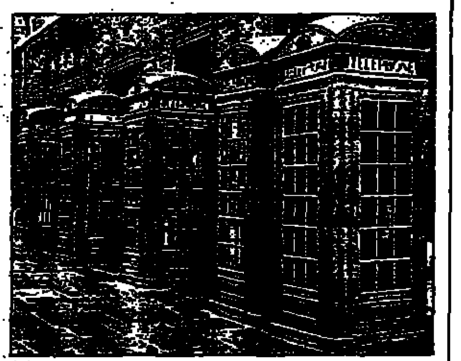
8.15 Pinocchio (r) (7152287) **8.35 Babar** (r) (3226455)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (r) (s) (5716900) **1.45** Storytime (s) (41806523)

2.00 Wishing (r) (s) (11544261)

2.10 Bowls. Second round action from the Saga International Indoor Open championship (s). Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (77989928)

6.00 Quantum Leap. A feature-length pilot of the off-beat science-fiction adventure series starring Scott Bakula as a time-trapped scientist. In this he is sent back to 1956 and takes over the body of a test pilot. With Dean Stockwell and Jennifer Runyon (r). (Ceefax) (85523). **Wales:** Film: Appointment with Venus 7.25 Party Political Broadcast (Plaid Cymru)



Phone boxes form a thin red line (7.30pm)

7.30 Design Classics. In praise of the red British telephone box. With contributions from Gavin Stamp, Kenneth Grange, Patrick Wright and Bruce Martin (r) (271)

8.00 *The Edge: Bill Murray's Story.* (Ceefax) (7165)

8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson test-drives the new Jaguar XJ series; Tiff Needell tries the first all-new Range Rover for nearly 25 years; and Tony Mason reports on the Perth Scottish round of the British Rally championship. (Ceefax) (s) (9900)

9.00 FILM: Lethal Error (1991) starring Denise Nicholas, Bernie Casey and Melba Moore. A drama about a mother's fight to save her son from the gas chamber after he was found guilty of murder because of a case of mistaken identity. Directed by Susan Rohner (3707)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (387523)

11.15 The Late Review. Mark Lawson chairs the discussion on the week's events with regular panellists Allison Pearson, Tom Paulin and Tony Parsons (s) (802542) **11.55 Weather** (692962)

12.00 Open View. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (5923214)

12.05am Seeing with Electrons. Using the electron microscope to help to develop new materials for energy-efficient car engines (1517585)

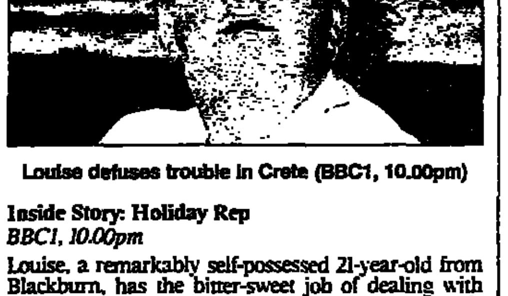
12.30 Bowls. *Highlights of the first quarter-final in the* Saga International Indoor Open championships (s) (9787160). Ends at **1.25**

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Critical Eye: Tasting Freedom
Channel 4, 9.00pm

An angry documentary attacks the way Britain treats political asylum-seekers. Thousands of such people, according to the film, are held in prisons or detention centres for months and even years, often in disgraceful conditions. Since they have committed no criminal offence, it does seem iniquitous to lock them up. Myrna Simpson appeals for justice over the death of her daughter, Joy Gardner, who died last year after an attempted deportation. Ian MacDonald, QC, an immigration lawyer, says Britain's record on asylum-seekers is disgraceful. The indictment is formidable but one-sided. The charges cry out for a rebuttal. Since neither the Home Office nor prison governors agreed to co-operate, they do not get one.



Louise defuses trouble in Crete (BBC1, 10.00pm)

Inside Story: Holiday Rep
BBC1, 10.00pm

Louise, a remarkably self-possessed 21-year-old from Blackburn, has the bitter-sweet job of dealing with young British holidaymakers abroad. The good part is that she works in Crete. The bad news is that she has little time to enjoy it. As the rep for a travel firm, she is on duty round the clock defusing aggro caused by what John Major would call the yob culture. Brash young men in football shirts get drunk and kick up a din into the small hours. Louise tries to mediate between their exuberance and complaints from the locals. As a troubleshooter she is first-class, patient, resourceful and fair-minded. She deserves far more than her £80 a week. But, as she says, it is better than working in a factory, which is what she used to do.

Drop the Dead Donkey
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Since the television newsroom comedy is shot the day before transmission and famously inserts topical material to the last minute, I cannot say how this fourth series shapes up to the previous three. But the prospects must be good, if only because the actors are by now a well-honed ensemble and the original scriptwriters, Guy Jenkin and Andy Hamilton, show no sign of running out of inspiration. Projecting a disreputable world of squabbling presenters, fabricating reporters and neurotic bosses, and not afraid to make jokes about Bosnia or Northern Ireland, *Drop the Dead Donkey* gets predictably short shrift from the TV professionals. The rest of us, however, can go on believing that this is how it is.

The Edge
BBC2, 8.00pm

In December 1939, just after the outbreak of the *Second World War, Bill Murray and two other* mountaineers made a famous winter ascent of Tower Ridge on Ben Nevis. Captured during the desert campaign, Murray wrote a vivid account of the climb in a German prison camp. This second film in the *series on Scottish mountaineering re-creates the* conquest of Tower Ridge with contemporary climbers, using Murray's words to complement the spectacular footage. Once again the unseen cameraman is an unsung star. Playing fair by using the techniques and *equipment of Murray's day, the trio show just what a* feat the 1939 climb was. There is also a nostalgic contribution from Murray himself. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (8732900)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (1716523) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5700349)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (9037788)

10.35 This Morning (97170320) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1864368)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather *(9912900)*

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (9997691) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (68446349)

1.55 Vanessa. Vanessa Feltz explores an issue close to a woman's heart (s) (89043368) **2.25 A Country Practice.** Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (20907639) **2.50 Gardeners' Diary.** John Ravenscroft with seasonal advice (2817455)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (9089610) **3.25** *London Today (Teletext) and weather* (9088981)

3.30 The Riddlers (3813184) **3.40 Wizadora** (8864981) **3.50 Britt Allcroft's Magic Adventures of Mumfie** (3817900) **4.05 Astro Farm** (r). (Teletext) (s) (4313320) **4.20 Garfield and Friends** (r) (2938707) **4.45 Bad Influence.** Computer games magazine (s) (2573702)

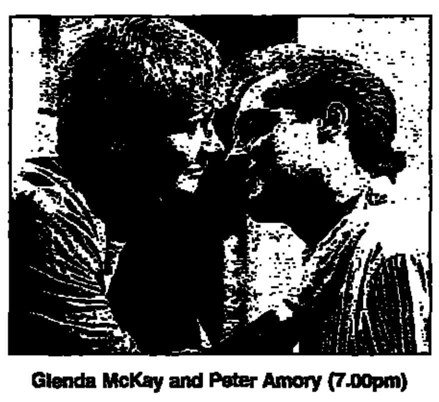
5.10 After 5 with Fern Britton. (Teletext) (4372558)

5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather *(864900)*

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (470368)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (233)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (813)



Glenda McKay and Peter Amory (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Rachel and Christopher grow closer. (Teletext) (8271)

7.30 The Big Story: Would You Have a Go? (s) (487)

8.00 Carlton Sport. Bob Wilson introduces live coverage of the Uefa Cup first round, second leg game at Highbury between Arsenal and Omonia Nicosia. The commentators are Brian Moore and Don Howe (7829)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (43261) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (859875)

10.40 Big City. The capital's entertainments guide (s) (140523)

11.10 Tip Top TV. Pop music show (218504)

11.40 The Twilight Zone. A tale of the supernatural starring James Coco (469436)

12.10am Street Legal. American drama series (1522301)

1.10 Donahue. The guests are students opposed to *many schools' strict dress codes* (4828837)

2.00 The Beat. Music and movie magazine (r) (s) (3417160)

2.55 Quiz Night. Pub competition (2611566)

3.20 The Album Show *(r) (s) (2606585)*

4.20 On the Live Side featuring saxophonist Phil Woods (40327498)

4.30 Beyond Reality. Adventures of two investigative parapsychologists (14127)

5.00 Videofashion (r) (79566)

5.30 ITN Morning News (45450). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Chicken Minute Cartoon series (r) (42271)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (74368)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (22368)

9.30 Schools: Middle English **9.45** The Maths Programme **10.05** Scientific Eye **10.27** Geographical Eye **10.50** Your World **11.00** Believe it or Not **11.16** Changing Wales **11.40** The French Programme (s) (190271)

12.00 Profiles of Nature. *Bald eagles return to the lakes* of Nova Scotia (r) (93784)

12.30 Sesame Street Entertaining early learning series The guests are Hillary Clinton and Madeline Kahn (68875) **1.30 Lift Off** (r) (51368)

2.00 Raised Voices (r) (20986146)

2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 (Middle Park Stakes) and 4.15 races (67652610)

4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game presented by Richard Whiteley. With a chance for viewers to win up to £1,000 in conjunction with *The Times* (Teletext) (s) (610)

5.00 Kingdoms in Conflict: The Winged Messenger. A film about Europe's cranes (r). (Teletext) (5184)

6.00 Home Improvement. American comedy series starring Tim Allen as a television DIY programme host (r). (Teletext) (s) (875)

6.30 Roseanne. *Wisecracking domestic comedy (r).* (Teletext) (s) (455)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (423977)

7.50 Belfast Lessons from pupils of Hazelwood College (162417)

8.00 Spirits, Ghosts and Demons. The second of three programmes about what life is like for children living in rural China (Teletext) (2233)

8.30 Screaming Reels. Angling magazine. This week's edition includes Nick Fisher bass fishing under the disused anti-aircraft platforms on the Shivering Sands in the Thames Estuary. (Teletext) (s) (1368)

9.00 Critical Eye: Tasting Freedom (s) (1691)



Return of the fictional newsteam (10.00pm)

10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey (425097)

10.35 FILM: The Wild One (1953, b/w) starring Marlon *Brando. Drama about a gang of motorcyclists who* invade a small California town and terrorise the inhabitants. Directed by Laslo Benedek. (Teletext) (6239078)

12.00 The World of Hammer. The series on Hammer horror films this week includes clips of mummies, werewolves and the living dead (42363)

12.30am Mother Russia's Children (r) (4744127)

1.20 The People's Parliament. Should able-bodied people who have been out of work for more than six months be made to work for the community? (r). (Teletext) (s) (9616818)

2.25 FILM: Over She Goes (1937, b/w) starring Stanley Lupino and Laddie Cliff. Musical about two friends *who help to sort out the complicated romance of* another couple. Directed by Graham Cutts (6812856). Ends at **3.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **1.55** The Young Doctors (53415436) **2.50-3.20** Take the *High Road* (2817455) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4372558) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (156707) **10.40** Marquee (140523) **11.10** Phoenix (989417) **12.10am** Married with Children (1591547) **12.40** Blood Ties (3892437) **1.45** Wrestling (3945653) **2.25** *America's Top Ten* (5359301) **2.50** Don't Talk To Strange Men (7855498) **4.00** Jobfinder (6004672) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (1372769)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (53415436) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (2817455) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4372558) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (741368) **10.40** Tip Top TV (140523) **11.10-1.10pm** To Live and Die in LA (735962) **4.20am** Jobfinder (3824030) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2843059)

GRANADA
As London except: **12.55** Home and Away ([illegible]7691) **1.25** Emmerdale (68446349) **1.55** [illegible] (53415436) **2.20** Good Advice ([illegible]) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street ([illegible]) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice ([illegible]8) **6.25** Granada Tonight: [illegible]tch (156707) **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale [illegible] **10.40** Tip Top TV (140523) **11.10** The [illegible] Room (218504) **11.40** *Walk the Talk* ([illegible]8) **12.40am** Blood Ties (3892437) [illegible] Superstars of Wrestling (3945653) **2.25** [illegible]ca's Top Ten (5359301) **2.50** Don't Talk To Strange Men (7855498) **4.00** [illegible]nder (6004672) **4.35-5.30** Cue the [illegible] (1372769)

HTV WEST
As London except: **2.25** Gardening Time (20981691) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (6836788) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4372558) **5.55** Home and Away (484320) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (156707) **10.40** The Wright Way - A Tribute to Billy Wright (140523) **11.10** The Twilight Zone (218504) **11.40** The West This Week (469436) **12.10am** Married with Children (1591547) **12.40** Blood Ties (3892437) **1.45** Superstars of Wrestling (3945653) **2.25** America's Top Ten (5359301) **2.50** Don't Talk To Strange Men (7855498) **4.00** Jobfinder (6004672) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (1372769)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **12.20pm-12.30** HTV News (1864368) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (9088981) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (156707) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (487) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (859875) **11.40-12.10pm** The Big Story (469436)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Meridian News and Weather (5700349) **12.20pm-12.30** *Meridian News and Weather* (1864368) **1.55** A Country Practice (53415436) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2817455) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (9088981) **5.10** Home and Away (4372558) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Crimestoppers (450504) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (233) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (813) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (859875) **10.40-12.10pm** The Appointment (6244900) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (79566)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **2.25** The Sullivans (20981691) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4372558) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (39146) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (859875) **10.40** Clint Eastwood: The Man *from Malpaso* (8454253) ***11.50*** *Prisoner Cell* Block H (896558) **12.40am** Blood Ties (3892437) **1.45** Superstars of Wrestling (3945653) **2.25** America's Top Ten (5359301) **2.50** Don't Talk To Strange Men (7855498) **4.00** Jobfinder (6004672) **4.35-5.30** *Cue the Music* (1372769)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (53415436) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (2817455) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4372558) **5.55** Calendar (189900) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (813) **10.40** The Business (363358) **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H (265097) **12.25am** The Lives of Jenny Doten (325924) **2.10** America's Top Ten (3138301) **2.40** *Cinema, Cinema, Cinema* (3574769) **3.10** The Last Five Minutes (9239011) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (9480656)

S4C
Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (74368) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (22368) **9.30** Ysgolion (190271) **12.00pm** Profiles of Nature (93784) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (52097) **1.00** Hullaballoo (77455) **1.30** The Vision Thing (51368) **2.00** Look Who's Talking (20986146) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket (67652610) **4.30** Coping With Grown Ups (610) **5.00** 5 Pump - Noc Noc (3846) **5.30** Countdown (962) **6.00** Newyddion (820349) **6.20** Heno (242558) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (391287) **7.25** Darllediad Gwleidyddol Gan Blaid Cymru (938252) **7.30** Noson Lawen (22748) **8.30** Newyddion (1369) **9.00** Ymysodd Yr Hud (7146) **9.30** The Golden Girls (32238) **10.00** Drop the Dead Donkey (425097) **10.35** The Boys From St Vincent (76381523) **12.20am** Witness: The New Rasputin (1527658) **1.20** Diwedd (17431504) **4.00** Schools - Ceran Na Cloinne Bige (23789)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (3876) **8.40** Lamb Chop **9.10** Cartoons (5649078) **9.30** Card Sharks (2307287) **9.55** Concentration (2219078) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8546610) **10.30** Love at First Sight (48962) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (17097) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (60542) **12.30pm** E Street (87707) **1.00** Falcon Crest (75962) **2.00** Hart to Hart (69962) **3.00** *Another World* (8553691) **3.45** DJ Kat (8584436) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9374) **6.00** Gamesworld (3097) **6.30** Blockbusters (4349) **7.00** E Street (1523) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3233) **8.00** Rescue (27349) **9.00** LA Law (30613) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (33900) ***11.00*** Late Show (183165) **11.45** Battlestar Galactica (895879) **12.45am** Barney Miller (48127) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (38740)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2136558) **9.30** Entertainment News (41851) **10.30** ABC Nightline (44504) **1.30pm** CBS News (67233) **2.30** Target (21184) **3.30** Parting with Pets (5455) **6.00** Littlejohn (12691) **9.30** Worldwide Report (98813) **11.30** CBS News (69252) **12.30am** ABC News (77789) **1.10** Littlejohn (3496726) **2.30** Target (62721) **3.30** Parting with Pets (74566) **4.30** CBS News (60214) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (18875)

SKY MOVIES
6.05am Showcase (58593320)
10.00 Going Under (1990): *Hot-Shots style* Navy parody (81528)
12.00 Aloha Summer (1988): Six teenagers whoop it up on vacation (73185)
2.00pm Legend of the White Horse (1985): Fantasy yarn (24252)
4.00 Texas Across the River (1966): Spoof western with Dean Martin (5726)
6.00 Going Under As 10am (18417)
7.30 E! News Week in Review (1829)
8.00 The Lawnmower Man (1992). Pierce Brosnan experiments (16233)
10.00 Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992): Francis Ford Coppola's adaptation of the *classic horror story (91222349)*
12.10am Hurricane Smith (1990): Carl Weathers searches for his sister (1644479)
1.40 Royal Flash (1975): Richard Lester's version of George MacDonald Fraser's *Flashman* books (761363)
3.20 The House Where Evil Dwells *(1982):* A couple is haunted by Samurai warriors (1539819)
4.45 Legend of the White Horse: As 2pm (1325585). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm My Darling Clementine (1946): Western starring Henry Fonda (13184)
8.00 Touch of Evil (1958): Detective Orson Welles tries to hold onto his power (98829)
10.00 Running Scared (1986): Cops take on a Hispanic drug-dealer (60504). *Ends at* **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am D-Day: The Sixth of June (1956). *Two soldiers fall for the same woman (22707)*
8.00 Westward Ho! (1988). Animated classic (49694)
9.00 White Fang. Cartoon (22078)
10.00 The Magic Voyager Children's film (89165)
12.00 Curly Sue (1991). Con man James Belushi and his daughter fall for business-woman Kelly Lynch (657813)
1.45pm Mutiny on the Bounty (1935) Oscar-winning drama (26038233)
4.00 Westward Ho! As 8am (86504)
5.00 White Fang: As 9am (3504)
6.00 After the Glory (1992). Two Second World War veterans return home (15558)
8.00 Curly Sue. As midday (14975)
10.00 Love Crimes (1992): Sean Young gets caught up with a con man (292707)
11.35 Young Lady Chatterley 2 *(1993):* Adult entertainment (744184)
1.05am Jekyll and Hyde . . . Together Again (1982): Spoof horror-comedy (704943)
2.40 Fourth Story (1991): Mimi Rogers hires detective Mark Harmon (788566)
4.15 After the Glory: As 6pm (982856)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer (6694225) **7.15** WWF Challenge *(647271)* ***8.15*** *Soccer (1680185)* **8.30** Drag Racing (58523) **9.00** Extreme (40875) **9.30** Aerobics (76788) **10.00** Rugby Club (48961) **11.00** Get Your Handicap Down (37262) **11.30** Baseball (38981) **12.00** Aerobics (60639) **12.30pm** Major League Baseball (97349) **2.30** Rugby Club (56252) **3.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (5233) **4.00** Watersports World (28504) **5.00** WWF All American (5436) **6.00** Soccer (542184) **6.15** Training Ground (547639) **6.30** World of Rugby Union (5097) **7.00** Motorsport (58287) **8.00** Ladies Golf (81707) **9.00** Golf and All its Glory (74271) **10.00** Soccer (105469) **10.15** Straight from the Training Ground (650374) **10.30** World Pool Championships (19875) **12.30-1.30am** Motorsport (71672)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Step Aerobics (44691) **9.00** Equestrianism (75184) **10.00** Euro[illegible] (40349) **11.00** Dancing (53813) **12.00** Volleyball (813287) **2.30pm** Motors (43320) **3.30** Olympic Magazine (47981) **4.30** Eurofun (81558) **5.30** Mountainbike (91455) **6.30** Superbike (68639) **7.30** News (6349) **8.00** Wrestling (56875) **9.00** Fight Sports (78639) **10.00** Football (664271) **12.30am** Tennis (19586) **1.00-1.30** News (44479)



The Volkswagen Beetle, star of *Hell Herbie* (Discovery, 7.00pm)

UK GOLD
7.00am Sullivans (6213875) **7.30** Neighbours (6225610) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3468368) **8.30** EastEnders (3467639) **9.00** The Bill (3441691) **9.30** Wings (7258542) **10.30** Bergerac (98753271) **11.35** Sullivans (90824725) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (3461455) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7382894) **1.00** EastEnders (6212146) **1.30** The Bill (7381165) **2.00** Robin's Nest (3918078) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (6380558) **3.00** Knots Landing (2454875) **4.00** Dynasty (2465610) **5.00** Every Second Counts (6224523) **5.40** *Captain Pugwash (6995639)* ***5.50*** *Sykes* (1518320) **6.30** EastEnders (6209639) **7.00** Two Ronnies (3720788) **8.00** Three Up, Two Down (3921542) **8.30** Robin's Nest (3917349) **9.00** Minder (3742900) **10.00** The Bill (3462184) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1205851) ***11.15*** *Rory Bremner* (8251894) **11.55** Dr Who (3718271) **12.25am** FILM: The Irishman (1978): Michael Craig is an Irish immigrant in Australia (6954160) **2.20-3.00** Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan II (4011417) **6.15** Teddy Ruxpin (6741165) **6.45** Casper (673436) **7.15** *Eek (670349)* ***7.45*** *Saved by the Bell (80)* (662320) **8.15** Head to Head (7861981) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7283165) **8.50** Tiiou (1627368) **9.00** Drobee (15726) **10.00** Christopher Crocodile (46610) **11.00** Kitty Cats (62962) **11.30** Barney (63691) **12.00** Ratkan II (86691) **12.30pm** Eek (36184) **1.00** Saved by the Bell (37962) **1.30** Head to Head (59589504) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (16790356) **2.00** Babar (6975) **2.30** Madeline (8726) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (5685146) **3.15** Around The World (287788) **3.45** The Bots' Master (382287) **4.15** Head to Head (6393900) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy (8962)

NICKELODEON
7.00am *Superchicken* (8494207) **7.15** Grimmy (242879) **7.45** Rugrats (197720) **8.15** Rocko (1688707) **8.30** Ghostbusters (57165) **9.00** Nick Jr (115875) **12.00** Pee Wee's Playhouse (51981) **12.30** Muppet Show (78146) **1.00** Doug (37875) **1.30** The Chipmunks (77417) **2.00** Denver (3691) **2.30** Smoggies (4558) **3.00** Ghostbusters (2726) **3.30** Carmen San Diego (3875) **4.00** Grimmy (5610) **4.30** Rugrats (1884) **5.00** Clarissa (7271) **5.30** Doug (2146) **6.00** Guts (5287) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (3639)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Global Family (6299252) **4.30** The Arctic (6295436) **5.00** Around Whicker's World (3919707) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7398455) **7.00** Hell Herbie: history of the Volkswagen Beetle (3910436) **7.30** Earthfile (6296165) **8.00** Bush Tucker Man (3929184) **8.30** Pirates (3906691) **9.00** Secret Weapons (2460436) **9.30** Spirit of Survival (7393900) **10.00** On the Big Hill (3460726) **10.30** Terra X (3446146) **11.00-12.00** Fire on the Rim (6220165)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Truth about Women (1957). An old lothario recounts his adventures (8839726) **2.00pm** thirtysomething (8810691) **3.00** My Three Sons (3915981) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (6207271) **4.00** FILM: Beautiful Stranger (1954): Ginger Rogers discovers her fiancé is a criminal (3926097) **6.00** The Green Hornet (6203455) **6.30** I Spy (1652691) **7.30** Car 54? (6283681) **8.00** thirtysomething (3724504) **9.00** Garry Shandling (2457962) **9.30** FILM: The Time Travellers (1964): A team of scientists are plunged into the future (4930639) **11.00** Donny and Marie (2469707) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (6815146)

UK LIVING
6.00am Best of Anne and Nick (9415813) **8.00** The Treatment (3748558) **8.30** Women Mean Business (3745829) **9.00** Delia Smith (6387875) **9.35** Now You See It (6944726) **10.00** Trivia Trap (7868165) **10.30** Definition (3652165) **11.00** Young and Restless (5131504) **11.55** The Look (5363165) **12.30pm** *Practical Living* (51199320) **12.45** Best of Kilroy (3986310) **1.30** Family Affairs (2496558) **2.00** Agony Hour (7869694) **3.00** Living Magazine (7386368) **3.45** Gladrags (71984788) **4.00** Infatuation (9112981) **4.30** Definition (73150165) **4.55** Masterchef (2087146) **5.30** *Kate and Allie (9109417)* **6.00** Mancial World (0202558) **6.30** Musquest (9113610) **7.00** Living Magazine (8613165) **8.00** Young and Restless (8622813) **9.00** FILM: The Getting of Wisdom (1977): Bruce Beresford drama (48474368) **10.55** *Short Stories* (3800059) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation (7864349)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (8405) **5.30** Boogies Diner (2542) **6.00** Black Beauty (9455) **6.30** *Through the Keyhole* (2897) **7.00** *Trivial Pursuit* (8261) **7.30** Mighty Jungle (9691) **8.00** Snowy River (90287) **9.00** Moonlighting (25833) **10.00** Catchphrase (87320) **10.30** GP (44928) **11.00** Lou Grant (54639) **12.00** Rhoda (86769) **12.30am** Big Brother *Jake (33189)* ***1.00*** *Tintin (79189)* ***1.30*** *Trivial* Pursuit II (11653) **2.00** Moonlighting (77905) **3.00** Lou Grant (13522) **4.00** Rhoda (43301) **4.30-5.00** The Mighty Jungle (83382)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (507837) **8.00** VJ Ingo (250423) **11.00** Soul (35504) **12.00** Greatest Hits (24349) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (21813) **3.00** Sports (7368) **3.30** The Report (2758523) **3.45** At the Movies (2753078) **4.00** News (8389707) **4.15** Threefrom One (8475558) **4.30** Dial MTV (7720) **5.00** Music Non-stop (44982) **7.00** Greatest Hits (10097) **8.00** Most Wanted (88184) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (25078) **10.00** The Report (843726) **10.15** At the Movies (831981) **10.30** News (891813) **10.45** Threefrom One (696358) **11.00** The End? (46349) **1.00am** Soul (11214) **2.00-5.00** Videos (2755092)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (64504) **7.00** Asian Morning (34829) **9.00** New Serial (59392) **10.00** Hindi Movie. Reshma Aur Shera (771455) **1.00pm** Serial: Nagar Pane Roop Nagar (31788) **1.30** Hindi Movie: Lal Dupatta Malmal Ka (681368) **4.30** Kiddie Time (2788) **5.00-6.00** TVA And You (3788) **7.00** New Serial (4707) **7.30** Alif Laila (2523) **8.00** English News Bulletin (215233) **8.15** Hindi Movie. Prathidhavni (98048829) **11.15** Krishna (462813) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (9176214) **1.35** Sight and Sound (89884233)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Spotlight on Bogie (15590405)
8.00 Dark Passage (1947): An escaped convict changes his identity (56371320)
10.00 The Petrified Forest (1936): Gangsters hold travellers hostage (14072436)
11.35 You Can't Get Away with Murder (1939): Bogart is a hardened criminal (15576707)
1.05am Men are Such Fools (1938): Fluffy comedy about an ad agency (67205382)
2.20 Swing Your Lady (1938). Musical comedy with Ronald Reagan (13518301)
3.40 The Great O'Malley (1937) A poor man becomes a gangster (86304108)

Hogg and Levein suspended for ten matches

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GRAEME Hogg and Craig Levein, the Heart of Midlothian defenders, were yesterday each suspended for ten games by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) after an incident in a pre-season exhibition against Raith Rovers, when both players were sent off after trading punches.

The Hearts manager, Tommy McLean, disciplined the players after the incident, fining each the maximum two weeks' wages and stripping Levein of the club captaincy, but he and they were clearly shaken by the verdict yesterday and left without comment following the hearing of the SFA's disciplinary committee in Glasgow.

They have already served a one-match ban as a result of the sendings-off and Hearts are likely to appeal against the new, ten-game suspension.

Levein's career could suffer more as a result of the decision. A regular in the Scottish international squad, he is now expected to be dropped for the meeting with the Faeroe Islands on October 12 in a European championship qualifier and may miss the fixture with Russia in the same competition a month later.

The assistant manager of Airdrie, John McVeigh, has been banned from the touchline for a year for making comments to a linesman. McVeigh, who was reported for his comments during a reserve match against Clydebank earlier this month, was also fined £500 by the SFA.

Dundee United will defend a 3-2 lead when they take on Tatran Presov in the second leg of their Cup Winners' Cup first-round tie in Slovakia today, the first time they have defended a lead in European competition since they defeated Barcelona in the Nou Camp Stadium in 1987. There are only three survivors from that heady occasion — Malpas, McInally and Bowman — and both McInally and Bowman are likely to recover from injury in time to play against Tatran.

"Both players have said they will be OK and I know I can depend on their judgement," Ivan Golac, the United manager, said. Malpas, his captain, will be playing in his 56th tie in Europe.

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Klinsmann signs on again with more money to boot

CHRIS DEAN



Jürgen Klinsmann, the Germany and Tottenham Hotspur forward, in buoyant mood at White Hart Lane yesterday after signing a football boots sponsorship deal with Reebok worth at least £1 million. It has proved a lucrative year for Klinsmann who, since his move from AS Monaco during the summer, has become the leading marksman in the FA Carling Premiership with ten goals in eight league and cup matches. "I've been here only two months but I'm enjoying every aspect of it," he said. Report, page 44

Keegan heralds Newcastle's Uefa Cup challenge

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

VICTORY would have been enough, a safe clearance of a tricky first hurdle in the Uefa Cup and a place in the competition's second round. Instead, victory was barely the half of it. Newcastle thrashed Royal Antwerp in the Cup's first round, once in Belgium and then, again, on Tyneside on Tuesday night to warn the rest of Europe what English football knew already — that Kevin Keegan's team is a force to be reckoned with on any stage.

"That will send shudders around the whole of Europe," Keegan preened after Newcastle's 5-2 stroll against Antwerp on Tuesday, carrying them to a 10-2 aggregate win. "There's something different and very special about Europe and the people of Newcastle have been denied that experience for a long time.

"I'm just delighted that we were able to put on such a great performance for them, which is what we did. The players came in at half-time soaked in sweat and I'm just so proud of them. I hope there's more to come — for everyone."

Tuesday's goals included an Andy Cole hat-trick, an exquisite lob-volley by Robert Lee and a Peter Beardsley penalty, but Cole's appearance had been in doubt until the last minute because the striker was suffering from a shin injury. Keegan, after initially planning to rest the player, changed his mind and admitted: "I am glad I did. Andy will always score goals. He's as good as anybody I've ever seen and he proved that again.

"His second goal was one of the great goals I've seen, because Philippe Albert and Peter Beardsley did so well, but I was equally delighted to see Robert Lee scoring again."

Cole responded: "We've got too many exciting games and I just don't want to miss any of them so I won't have a rest. We're playing some great stuff and against Antwerp we were brilliant in both legs. Tuesday was another great result and I'm sure the continental teams will be aware of us now."

"That sort of experience is like a drug," Keegan concluded. "The more you feel it, the more you want to go through it again. It really gets the adrenaline going and I can't wait for the next time."

Bergkamp stands in Villa's path

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

IT IS a trifle early to suggest that Aston Villa's seasonal well-being is on the line against Internazionale at Villa Park tonight, but two defeats in the FA Carling Premiership since narrowly losing the first leg of the Uefa Cup first-round tie a fortnight ago have pointed to a certain sense of anti-climax in the Villa camp. Villa need rainbows to chase and no road could be more colourful nor potentially more golden than the one which winds through Europe. Games like these can stifle or transfuse a season.

Opinions differed about the merits of Villa's 1-0 defeat in the San Siro. Only a late and disputed penalty by Dennis Bergkamp separated the teams, but, in contrast to Norwich's intelligent, if ultimately vain, counter-attacking the previous year, Villa's display that night lacked imagination and control. It was all hands to the pump as Bergkamp, Sosa and Berti washed at will through Villa's frail midfield. At times, Villa had eight men strung across their penalty box like a police cordon, with Saunders and Fashanu stranded, barely within loudspeaker distance, on the halfway line and broad acres of space in between. More Hackney Marsh than San Siro, in fact.

The worry for the Villa manager, Ron Atkinson, as he considers his options is that any lack of cohesion or momentary loss of concentration tonight is liable to be terminal. Inter are more adept at breaking with speed from defence than breaking down fortress walls and, if they score first, Villa can say *arriverderci* to Europe for another year.

Atkinson would not let the television cameras too close to his training session yesterday, so intent was he on concealing his hand. Fashanu, who allowed the ageing Bergomi one of his easier European evenings in the first leg, will start on the bench before having an operation on his injured ankle early next week and Dalian Atkinson, drafted into the right side of midfield in Italy, will most probably partner Saunders in attack.

Villa looked more compact in the first leg when Houghton came on for Fashanu, but, if both he and Yorke play, with Saunders, Villa will have used up their quota of overseas players and the experienced Staunton will have to stand down. The Irish international did not, by all accounts, have one of his steadier afternoons against Blackburn last Saturday.

Ottavio Bianchi, the Inter coach, was being equally coy about his side yesterday, while affording Villa every respect. "Whoever is in their side, Villa are a very strong squad," he said.

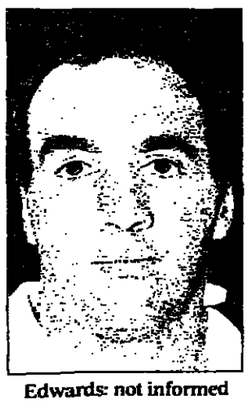
Inter were particularly impressed by Ehiogu in the first leg: "Everyone knows about McGrath," Bergkamp said, "but Ehiogu is like all English defenders, strong, fast and good in the air. He may only have played a few games, but he looks as though he has been there all the time."

For all those admirable qualities, Bergkamp takes a particular fancy to English defences, having scored twice against Norwich in the Uefa Cup last year and against England in both World Cup qualifying matches between the two countries. Dropping deep, attacking with pace, he remains Inter's lethal weapon, despite the criticism heaped upon him in Milan.

The rehabilitation of Darko Pancev, the Macedonian striker, who was recalled to the Inter team last Sunday and scored in an impressive 3-1 victory over Fiorentina, gives Bianchi another attacking option, but caution will be the watchword of the Uefa Cup-holders. In a seething Villa Park, their consummate ability to dampen home passions will be severely tested.

"Matches in England are always difficult because of the big, partisan crowds," Bergkamp added. "It will be like that this time. If we can get through this tie, there are no stronger teams in the competition." Villa will feel the same way.

Edwards may avoid ban after procedural doubt


Edwards: not informed

BY JOHN GOODBODY

PAUL Edwards, the British shot putter, could escape a ban from athletics because his lawyers claim that the authorities failed to follow the correct drug-testing protocol. In a bizarre development in the doping controversy, Edwards and his solicitors say they were not informed that the second (B) sample was to be tested in Helsinki on Tuesday and so were unable to exercise their right to have their own expert present at the analysis.

Edwards was found positive for a drug test that he gave during the European Championships in Finland on August 14. Both he and Diane Modahl, the British 800 metres runner, were pulled out of the Commonwealth Games in Victoria on August 24 and flown back to Britain amid widespread speculation about the reasons for their withdrawals.

Edwards, who has protested his innocence, will face a four-year ban if the results of the B sample confirm the presence of a banned drug and he cannot prove his innocence to a panel of the British Athletic Federation (BAF). However, Edwards has also failed another A sample in an out-of-competition test carried out by the Sports Council on August 16. If the B sample were to confirm this finding, he would then still face a ban.

Jaques and Lewis, Edwards's solicitors, said yesterday that the shot putter was informed last Wednesday by the BAF that the European Athletic Association intended to test the B sample on September 27, 28 or 29. The next day the BAF was told that Edwards wanted a representative to go to Helsinki.

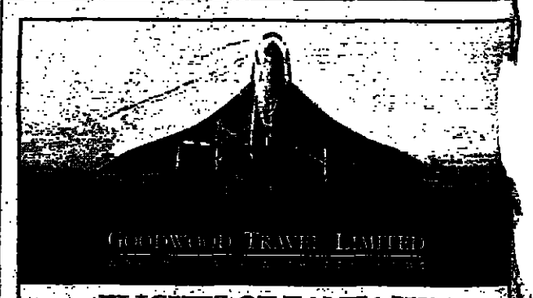
However, yesterday, the BAF contacted Edwards's solicitors to say that it had been informed that the analysis of the B sample had already taken place on Tuesday. The result is not yet known.

Catherine Bond, of Jaques and Lewis, said yesterday that Edwards was not given the procedural protection to which he was entitled. She said: "This casts doubt on the reliability of the testing procedure. All procedural errors will be examined at the hearing."

David Jeacock, a solicitor and the honorary secretary of the BAF's drug advisory committee, said: "I have no comment to make." However, the committee's chairman, Sir Arthur Gold, said: "David Jeacock tried unsuccessfully to meet the request of Edwards's solicitor to defer the date of the B sample analysis — but without success."

In another legal dispute in the sport, Katrin Krabbe, the 1991 world 100 and 200 metres champion, has filed a suit in Munich against both the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) and the German Athletic Federation (DLV), claiming damages of £1.75 million. Krabbe is serving a two-year suspension for bringing the sport into disrepute after an earlier drug ban was overturned. The IAAF said yesterday that it would defend the lawsuit, which will be heard in the Bavarian courts.

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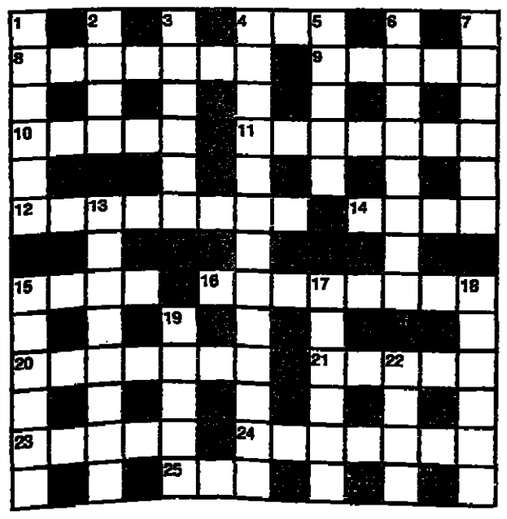
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4 Demure (3)
8 Do away with (7)
9 Sheeplike (5)
10 Masque by Milton (5)
11 Inelegant (7)
12 Remove; deduct (4,4)
14 Vibrate contentedly (4)
15 Narrative poems (4)
16 Close (to) (8)
20 Head appendage (7)
21 Splinter of light (5)
23 Pick-me-up (5)
24 Cheat: US tornado (7)
25 Orkney island, has an Old Man (3)

DOWN
1 Bringer of good luck (6)
2 Fate (4)
3 Lunchtime snooze (6)
4 Shoddy and of poor value (5,3,5)
5 A very long time (5)
6 Remove misconceptions (8)
7 Library user (6)
13 Component of arch: type of cop (8)
15 Shed up against house (4-2)
17 Foreign nanny (2,4)
18 Tone colour (6)
19 Son of Cain: father of Methuselah (5)
22 Greek 'I' (4)

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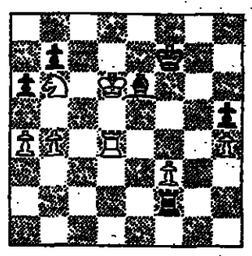
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CHESS MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Kramnik - Ivanchuk, Intel Grand Prix, London, 1994. Just as the best footballers can sometimes miss an open goal, the best chess players in the world can also make elementary mistakes. Here White to play chose 1 Kc7. What was the 'open goal' that he missed?



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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CATAPAN
a. A Classical Nihilist
b. A horse archer
c. A military commander

CARL
a. A peasant soldier
b. A Scandinavian warrior
c. A Carlist monarchist in Spain

HUNKY PUNK
a. A disco bouncer
b. Edible fungus
c. A gargoyle

AA
a. A river
b. A French river
c. The two-toed sloth

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